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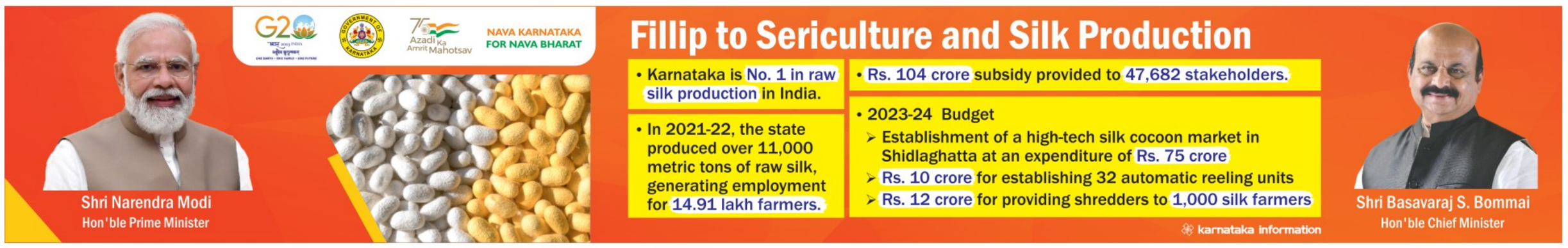
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Exports fall 8.8%, trade deficit shrinks over 7%

Outbound shipments' value dropped for as many as 16 of India's top 30 export items in Feb.; this is the third time in five months that merchandise exports have contracted; gold imports surge

Vikas Dhoot
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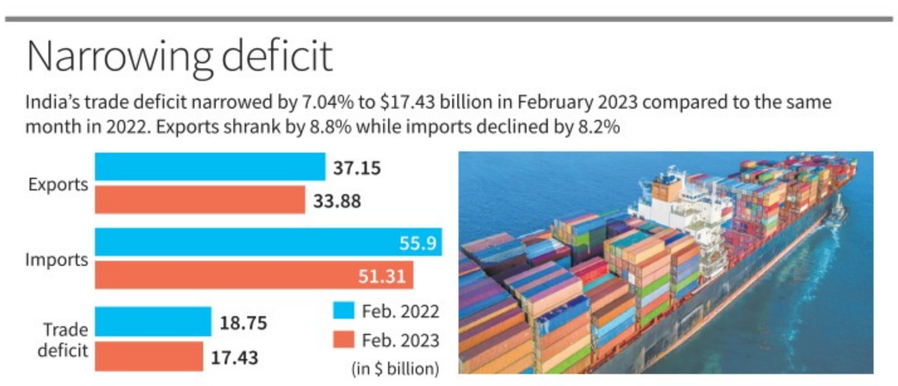

Tentative global demand pulled India's goods exports down 8.8% in February to $33.9 billion, while imports fell 8.2% from a year ago to $51.31 billion, according to Commerce Ministry estimates released on Wednesday. This is the third time in five months that merchandise exports have contracted, following an 11.6% drop in October 2022 and a 3% fall in December 2022.

Outbound shipments' value dropped for as many as 16 of India's top 30 export items in February, with 14 of them recording close to or higher than double digit declines. This included a 9.7% dip in engineering exports, which have been a bulwark of India's exports in recent years.

The merchandise trade deficit during February 2023 fell 7% to $17.43 billion, slightly higher than January's $16.56 billion deficit, which in turn was the lowest in at least 18 months. The first two months of 2023 clocked a sharply lower average deficit than seen through all of 2022, when the monthly deficit hit a record $29.23 billion in September.

Oil exports fall

"While both oil and non-oil exports contracted, oil exports fell sharply by 28.8%, while imports went below the $52 billion mark, a level not seen for almost a year," said CareEdge Ratings chief economist Rajani Sinha.

Although gold imports dropped almost 45% from February 2022 levels to $2.63 billion, this constituted a 277% month-on-month jump from January's imports of the yellow metal.

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Governor cannot precipitate the fall of an elected govt.: SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Dissension in a ruling party is not a ground to call a trust vote, says Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud

The Supreme Court on Wednesday said that Governors seriously undermine democracy if they use their constitutional office to call for a trust vote, citing dissension within a ruling political party, and precipitate the fall of a legitimately established and functioning government.

"A Governor must be aware of the fact that his very calling for a trust vote may precipitate the loss of majority for a government. Calling for a trust vote may itself lead to the toppling of a government... Governors must not lend their offices for effectuating a particular result... The Governor cannot enter into any area by which his action would precipitate the fall of a government," Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, heading a Constitution Bench, observed.

The Bench was referring to then Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari's call for a trust vote on the floor of the Assembly, which eventually led to the fall of the Uddhav Thackeray government and the appointment of Eknath Shinde as the new Chief Minister in June 2022.

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HC permits exam for classes V and VIII as per new assessment method

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Court, however, asks the govt. not to declare results in the public domain and inform parents that no student will be detained

A Division Bench of the High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday stayed the single judge's order of quashing the State government's circular on holding uniform exams for the students of classes V and VIII as per the new method of assessment. It permitted the government to hold exams for the two classes as per the new assessment method after March 27 by rescheduling the dates.

The Bench comprising Justice G. Narendar and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi passed the interim order on the appeals filed by the government, which had questioned the correctness of the single judge's March 10 order quashing the December 12, 2022, circular on the new assessment method.

However, the Bench made it clear that no question can be framed for the exams from the subjects outside prescribed textbooks and syllabus, as assured by Vishar R., Commissioner for Public Instruction, in an affidavit before the court.

Also, the Bench said the results of the exam should not be put in public domain and they should be communicated to the respective schools confidentially. Both the government and the schools were directed to publicise that no student would be detained in classes V and VIII even if they fail in the exam, as was clarified in the December 12 circular.

Two contentions

Earlier, K.V. Dhananjay, advocate for some associations of private unaided school managements, defended the single judge's finding that new method of assessment could be enforced only by way of framing rules under the Right of Children for Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act and not by way of circular. He said schools have no issue if the government conducts the exam as per the new assessment method by framing rules from the next academic year.

However, Additional Advocate-General Dhyan Chinnappa argued that when all the schools, including institutes affiliated to the petitioner-associations, are conducting four formative assessment exams and summative assessment exams as per the circulars issued by the government from time to time, they cannot now contend that the government has to frame rules to make some changes in the method of assessment prescribed in earlier circulars.

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Spring blooms

Hit with tourists: Gardeners working in the tulip garden on the banks of the Dal Lake in Srinagar. The Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden, spread over 30 acres with an estimated 16 lakh flowers, will be open to the public from March 19. NISSAR AHMAD

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High command steps in to pacify Somanna

BENGALURU
Days after speculations of defection by senior party leader V. Somanna, the BJP high command stepped in on Wednesday to defuse the crisis.
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No load-shedding this summer

BENGALURU
In election season, Escoms have decided to make consumers happy by declaring there will be no load-shedding in the next three months during summer.
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OBC panel says final report on Lingayat, Vokkaliga reservation cannot be hurried

The Hindu Bureau
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K. Jayaprakash Hegde

The newly announced categories of 2C and 2D in the backward classes category for reservation in education and employment for Vokkaligas and Veerashaiva-Lingayats, respectively, will not see the light of the day any time soon, with Karnataka Permanent Backward Classes Commission chairman K. Jayaprakash Hegde on Wednesday saying that the final report on this issue "cannot be prepared in a hurry".

The BJP government has been waiting for the final report of the commission to go ahead with re-categorisation amid pressure from the communities.

Delay in process

While the commission is assessing secondary data and held 26 public hearings on Panchamasalis, a powerful sub-sect of Veerashaiva-Lingayats which is seeking Category 2A status, the public hearing for increasing quota or re-categorisation of Vokkaligas has not yet commenced. Despite reminders, the government and universities have provided just about 50% of data on caste-wise government employees and students, which helps in comparison. The public hearing for Vokkaligas has been put off after community representatives sought more time to furnish documents to support their claim for higher reservation, Mr. Hegde told reporters here. Currently, Vokkaligas and Veerashaiva-Lingayats have been categorised under categories 3A and 3B, respectively.

Under pressure from the Panchamasalis, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy, during the winter session in Belagavi, had announced the creation of new categories for the two politically powerful landowning communities based on the commission's interim report. He had indicated that they were likely to get 2% to 3% more reservation that will be carved out of the 10% EWS quota. The Law Minister had said the government would get the final report in about two or three months.

Mr. Hegde pointed out that while the newly announced categories had been stayed by the Karnataka High Court, a timeline cannot be fixed for a detailed final report. "The government cannot pressurise the commission for submission of the final report."

Pointing out at the Vanniyar community issue in Tamil Nadu that has been struck down by court, he said, "Courts are against culling out one sub-caste for providing reservation in a different category. We do not want such a thing to be repeated in Karnataka, which can affect many in the young generation."

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Raid on BJP MLC's house; articles worth lakhs 'meant for distribution' seized

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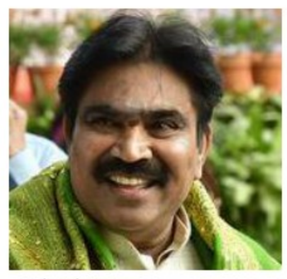

R. Shankar

In a late-night operation on Tuesday, officials of the Commercial Tax Department raided the house of R. Shankar, MLC, in Ranebennur, Haveri district, and seized articles worth at least around ₹30 lakh that were allegedly meant for distribution ahead of the Assembly elections.

The raid led to an immediate reaction by Mr. Shankar's followers who resorted to a protest, blaming the State government for it and accusing BJP leaders of "indulging in vindictive politics". Mr. Shankar also reacted strongly to the development, claiming that he had the capacity to "win either as an Independent candidate or as candidate of another party."

During the raid, Mr. Shankar was asked about the GST bill for the articles stored at his residence at Beeralingeshwar Nagar of Ranebennur. Mr. Shankar reportedly told them that he would produce it soon.

'Vindictive politics'

Of late, Mr. Shankar has been openly speaking against the BJP leadership during party meetings and he had even accused them of cheating him after promising ministership.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

84,866 The no. of posts lying vacant in six Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) like the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Border Security Force (BSF) against the total sanctioned strength of 10,05,520. Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said the recruitment of 31,785 CAPF personnel has been done in the past five months. PTI

1,827 The number of Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) registrations of NGOs cancelled by the government for violation of laws between 2018 and 2022, according to Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai. Under Section 32 of the FCRA, the government can revise any order passed in a proceeding against any association registered under the Act. PTI

725 The number of road projects of the total 1,801 ongoing projects running behind schedule, across India as of February 2023, due to protracted monsoon in many States, Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari informed the Rajya Sabha. He added that additional cost was not incurred in all delayed projects as escalation cost was absorbed by the Concessionaire. PTI

325 In ₹ crore, the amount earned by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) during the last three years for providing security services to private sector undertakings, Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai informed the Rajya Sabha. Mr. Rai said that as per the CISF Act, 1968, the force is deployed for security duties of private undertakings on request on the basis of threat assessment. PTI

559 The number of foreign companies that ceased operations in India between 2018 and March 9, 2023, Minister of State for Corporate Affairs Rao Inderjit Singh informed the Rajya Sabha. Meanwhile, 469 foreign companies started operations in the country. So far this year, two foreign companies have stopped operations. PTI

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On reservation for women in politics

What is the history behind the Women's Reservation Bill? How was reservation for women in local bodies implemented? Why are people opposed to reserving seats for women in Parliament and State Legislative Assemblies?

EXPLAINER

Radhika Santhanam

The story so far:

A day before her appearance in front of the Enforcement Directorate in the Delhi liquor policy case, Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader K. Kavitha launched a six-hour hunger strike on March 10 seeking early passage of the long-pending Women's Reservation Bill. The protest at Jantar Mantar in Delhi was inaugurated by Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader Sitaram Yechury. More than 10 parties participated in the protest, including the Samajwadi Party (SP), the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD). The Bharatiya Janata Party said the protest was "preposterous" and termed it a ploy to change the narrative on the Delhi excise case.

What has been the history of political reservation for women?

The issue of reservation for women in politics can be traced back to the Indian national movement. In 1931, in their letter to the British Prime Minister, submitting the official memorandum jointly issued on the status of women in the new Constitution by three women's bodies, leaders Begum Shah Nawaz and Sarojini Naidu wrote, "To seek any form of preferential treatment would be to violate the integrity of the universal demand of Indian women for absolute equality of political status."

The issue of women's reservation came up in Constituent Assembly debates as well, but it was rejected as being unnecessary. It was assumed that a democracy would accord representation to all groups. For instance, in 1947, noted freedom fighter Renuka Ray said, "We always held that when the men who have fought and struggled for their country's freedom came to power, the rights and liberties of women too would be guaranteed...". However, in the following decades, it became clear that this was not to be the case. As a consequence, women's reservation became a recurrent theme in policy debates. For instance, the Committee of the Status of Women in India, set up in 1971, commented on the declining political representation of women in India. Though a majority within the Committee continued to be against reservation for women in legislative bodies, all of them supported reservation for women in local bodies. Slowly, many State governments began announcing reservations for women in local bodies.

The National Perspective Plan for Women recommended in 1988 that reservation be provided to women right from the level of the panchayat to that of Parliament. These recommendations paved the way for the historic enactment of the 73rd and 74th amendments to the Constitution which mandate all State governments to reserve one-third of the seats for women in Panchayati Raj Institutions and one-third of the offices of the chairperson at all levels of the Panchayati Raj Institutions, and in urban local bodies, respectively. Within these seats, one-third are reserved for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe women. Many States such as Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Kerala have made legal provisions to ensure 50% reservation for women in local bodies.

What is the Women's Reservation Bill?

After local bodies, the next step was to ensure reservation in Parliament, but this has been a difficult fight. The Women's Reservation Bill proposes to reserve 33% of seats in the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies for women. It was first introduced in the Lok Sabha as the 81st Amendment Bill in September 1996 by the Deve Gowda-led United Front government. The Bill failed to get the approval of the House and was referred to a joint parliamentary committee which submitted its report to the Lok Sabha in December 1996. But the Bill lapsed with the dissolution of the Lok Sabha.

In 1998, the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government reintroduced the Bill in the 12th Lok Sabha. After the Law Minister M. Thambidurai introduced it, an RJD MP went to the well of the House, grabbed the Bill and tore it to bits. The Bill failed to get support and lapsed again. The Bill was reintroduced in 1999, 2002 and 2003. Even though there was support for it within the Congress, the BJP and the Left parties, the Bill failed to receive majority votes.

In 2008, the Manmohan Singh-led United Progressive Alliance government tabled the Bill in the Rajya Sabha and it was passed with 186-1 votes on March 9, 2010. However, the Bill was never taken up for consideration in the Lok Sabha and lapsed with the dissolution of the 15th Lok Sabha. At the time, the RJD, the JD(U) and the SP were its most vocal opponents. They demanded 33% reservation for backward groups within the 33% quota for women. JD(U) leader Sharad Yadav infamously demanded to know how short-haired women could represent "our women" (women from rural areas). In 2014, the BJP promised 33% reservation for women in its manifesto and repeated the promise in its 2019 agenda. But there has been no movement from the government in this regard.

What are the arguments for the Bill?

Proponents of the Bill argue that affirmative action is imperative to better the condition of women since political parties are inherently patriarchal.

Second, despite the hopes of the leaders of the national movement, women are still under-represented in Parliament. Reservations, proponents believe, will ensure that women form a strong lobby in Parliament to fight for issues that are often ignored. There is now evidence that women as panchayat leaders have shattered social myths, been more accessible than men, controlled the stranglehold of liquor, invested substantially in public goods such as drinking water, helped other women express themselves better, reduced corruption, prioritised nutrition outcomes, and changed the development agenda at the grassroots level. Esther Duflo, Raghav Chattopadhyay et al found that in States such as West Bengal and Rajasthan, while women leaders were often rubber stamps of their husbands or fathers, they were more likely to invest in goods that were important to the interests of women. Today, India has a high percentage of crimes against women, low participation of women in the workforce, low nutrition levels and a skewed sex ratio. To address all these challenges, it is argued, we need more women in decision-making.

Third, proponents such as Brinda Karat argue that the discussion is not about a Bill alone, but about changing powerful, entrenched interests in India's polity.

What are arguments against the Bill?

Professor Nivedita Menon writes that opponents of reservation for women argue that the idea runs counter to the principle of equality enshrined in the Constitution. They say that women will not be competing on merit if there is reservation, which could lower their status in society.

Second, women are unlike, say, a caste group, which means that they are not a homogenous community. Therefore, the same arguments made for caste-based reservation cannot be made for women.

Third, women's interests cannot be isolated from other social, economic and political strata. Fourth, some argue that reservation of seats in Parliament would restrict the choice of voters to women candidates. This has led to suggestions of alternate methods including reservation for women in political parties and dual member constituencies (where constituencies will have two MPs, one of them being a woman). But some parties have pointed out that even these may not work as parties may field women candidates in unwinnable seats, or women may contest the elections but not get voted to power, or they may get relegated to a secondary role. Fifth, as men hold primary power as well as key positions in politics, some have even argued that bringing women into politics could destroy the "ideal family".

How many women are in Parliament?

Only about 14% of the members in Indian Parliament are women, the highest so far. According to the Inter-Parliamentary Union, India has a fewer percentage of women in the lower House than its neighbours such as Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh – a dismal record.

THE GIST

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- After the historic enactment of the 73rd and 74th amendments to the Constitution which mandate all State governments to reserve one-third of the seats for women in Panchayati Raj Institutions, the fight continues for a Women's Reservation Bill in Parliament.
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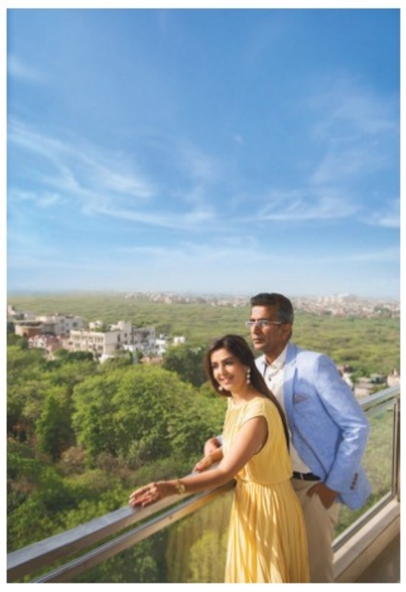

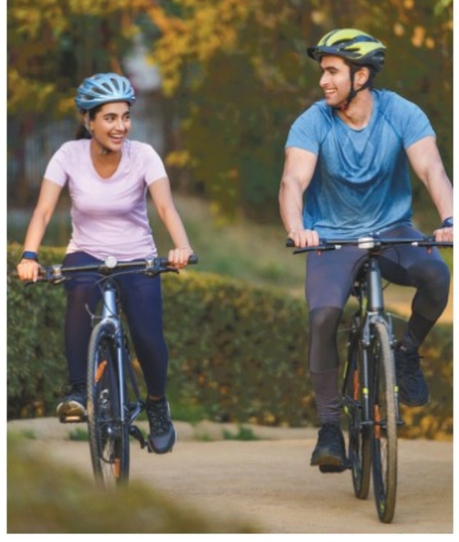

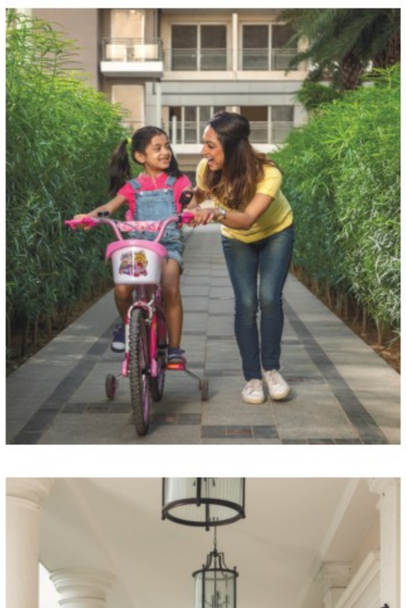

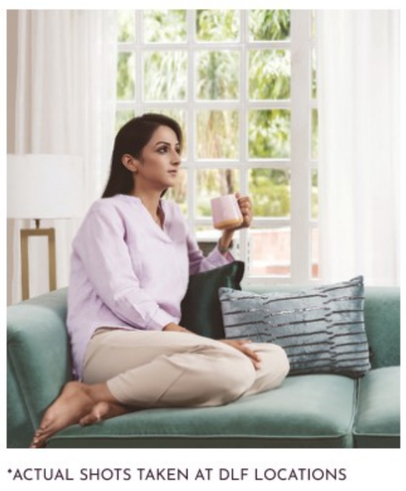
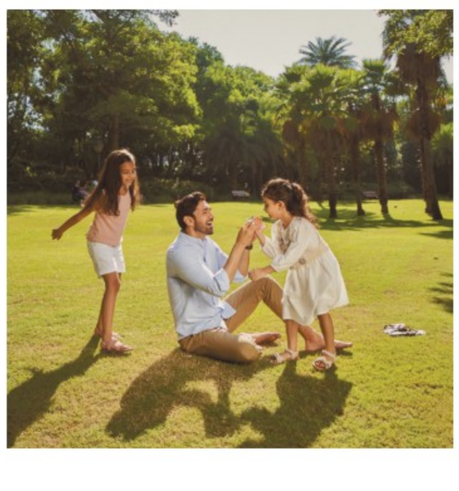
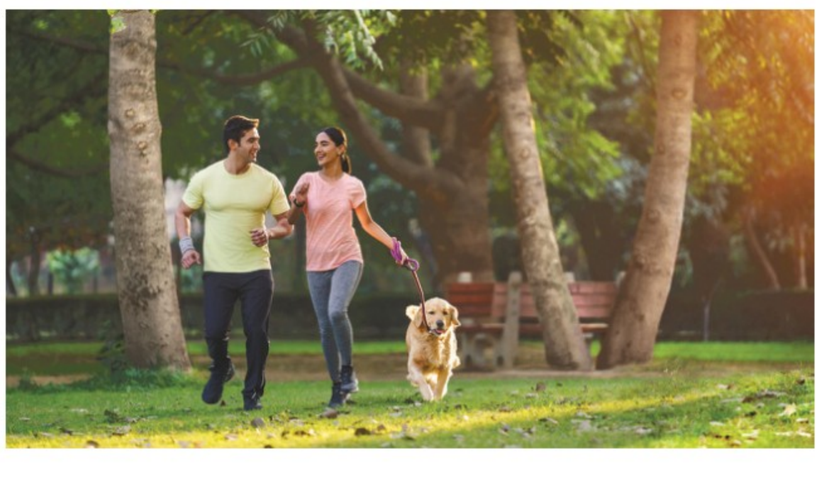

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INBRIEF

Turahalli forest fire: Extent of damage to be ascertained

Forest fires that have been ravaging different parts of the State for over a month now have struck Bengaluru as well. A fire was reported at the Turahalli forest on Wednesday. B. Govindraju, Range Forest Officer, Kagallipura, said, "The fire broke out at 6.45 p.m. in a hillock area. We sought the help of the fire services personnel. The fire was contained and the situation brought under control." "We cannot say what caused the fire. We also do not know the extent of damage the fire caused as it occurred in the evening and it is too dark to ascertain anything," he added.

Meeting of RTC unions and management inconclusive

The meeting of representatives of Road Transport Employees' Unions and management of the corporations on Wednesday failed to achieve a consensus on pay revision. The Joint Action Committee of the RTC Trade Unions has demanded a 20% hike in basic salary. Initially, Transport Minister B. Sriramulu had announced a pay revision of 10% which was rejected by the unions. At Wednesday's meeting, it was proposed that the salary be increased by 12.5% first and then to 14% later. However, the representatives of the union stuck to the demand of a 20% hike.

B. Jayadevaraje Urs of Akhila Karnataka Rajya Raste Sarige Naukarara Mahamandali, said, "The State has hiked government employees' salary by 17% and agreed to increase KPTCL employees' salary by 20%. It should increase our salary too by 20%. Pay revision in corporations is a long pending demand." He said there was no change in their stand on going on strike from March 21.

Private school managements to challenge HC order in SC

The Hindu Bureau
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The State board affiliated private unaided school managements have decided to challenge Wednesday's High Court decision on classes V and VIII examinations in the Supreme Court.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Lokesh Talikatte, president, Registered Unaided Private School Managements' Association (RUPSA-Karnatataka) said, "We are very disappointed with the High Court's Wednesday order. Therefore, we have decided to challenge it in the Supreme Court. Karnataka Unaided School Managements' Association and other associations have also supported our decision."

Work on service road near Kaniminike toll plaza will be completed shortly: NHAI

On Wednesday morning, a portion of the barricade between main carriageway and service road was breached by unidentified people to avoid toll

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BENGALURU

On the second day of toll collection on Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway, motorists coming from Bengaluru side avoided toll plaza near Kaniminike. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Facing flak for collecting toll on the newly-inaugurated Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway without completing service roads, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has promised to complete the service road works near Christ University within a few days.

Once completed, regular travellers can commute towards Bidadi and other areas without crossing the toll plaza and main carriageway. There was intense opposition to collect toll on the expressway before the completion of service roads.

B.T. Sridhar, project director of the expressway, on Wednesday said that for two years, due to legal hurdles, construction works could not be taken up on this particular stretch.

"Earlier, there was a stay on construction works. Now, the stay has been vacated. We are already on the job to complete the service road works. Power supply lines are being removed to carry out the work. Once this is complete, motorists going towards Bidadi and other areas can travel using the service road."

Motorists avoided toll

On Wednesday morning, motorists avoided paying the toll by taking a detour to the service roads near Kaniminike toll plaza. During the early morning hours, unknown persons had opened a portion of the road giving access from the main carriageway to the service road, just before the toll plaza near Kaniminike.

"After coming from Kumbalgodu flyover, motorists are taking a left turn just before the toll plaza and entering the service road to avoid paying the toll fee. They are returning to the main carriageway after using the service road for some distance. There is loss of revenue due to this subversion. We urge motorists using the main carriageway to pay the toll fee as specified," Mr. Sridhar said.

After commencement of toll collection, the motorists have been alleging that even for short distance travel, they are forced to pay a hefty toll fee. They demanded that the NHAI defer the toll collection, till the completion of the service road. On the other hand, regular passengers of the KSRTC too are paying additional fares of ₹15 to ₹20 as the corporation decided to transfer the burden of toll on the passengers.

Who will pay toll?

On Wednesday, the project director held a press conference in the presence of a Kannada organization, advocates who vehemently opposed imposition of the toll before completion of the service road.

When asked about service roads abruptly ending due to the presence of railway tracks, the official said, "As per rules, there are no provisions to provide continuity for service roads in that stretch. Who will use the main carriage and pay the toll if we provide service road entire stretch? These projects are taken up under public private partnership and the project should be financially viable," the official said.

Meanwhile, the organizations opposing toll collection, have demanded that NHAI complete the construction of the service road and lower the toll fee in the interest of people who commute daily.

HC takes *suo motu* cognisance of issues cropping up from toll collection

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BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday took *suo motu* cognisance of various issues that have cropped up due to the commencement of toll collection on the newly-constructed Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway, and directed the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to respond to them within three weeks.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi took note of them acting on reports published in various daily newspapers, including *The Hindu*, highlighting issues raised by commuters and the situation at the toll booths.

Lack of signage

This was done during the hearing of a PIL petition, filed in 2022, on lack of proper signage and safety measures in the ongoing work of widening the National Highway (NH) stretch between Bengaluru and Kanakapura.

The Bench noted that newspaper reports have pointed out issues like commencement of toll collection without completion of the entire work on the stretch, improper functioning of boom barriers causing minor damages to vehicles at toll booths; and technical glitches in automatic FASTag scanners forcing the toll gate staff to use manual scanners.

Also, the Bench noted from newspaper reports that due to fault in the FASTag system, several commuters were forced to shift to service roads resulting in them spending more time on travel.

Pre-requisites

While referring to the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, the Bench pointed out that the rules mandates various pre-requisites, including issuing of public notice before commencement of toll collection.

It appears that these prerequisites were not taken care of before commencement of toll collection, and all these aspects require consideration in public interest, the Bench said while adjourning further hearing till April second week.

On widening of Bengaluru-Kanakapura stretch of NH, the Bench appointed advocate Shivaprasad Shantangoudar as court commissioner to verify claims made by the petitioners and the NHAI by inspecting the work.

NHAI had said that there were some issues due to change of contractor, as the earlier contract was terminated for being unable to complete work. A new contractor has taken over the project, and has taken safety measures. The petitioner disputed the NHAI's claim on safety measures. Following this, the court appointed commissioner who was told to submit a report after a site inspection.

Seeking ban on illegal bike taxi services, auto drivers threaten strike from March 20

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BENGALURU

The Bangalore Auto Drivers' Unions' Federation has threatened to go on a strike from Monday (March 20) if the State government fails to ban illegal operations of bike taxis in the city.

The office-bearers of the federation alleged that in the city, mobile app-based aggregators are illegally running a bike taxi business by attaching white boards to two-wheelers.

M. Manjunath, president, Adarsh Auto and Taxi Drivers' Union said, "We have been fighting against the illegal bike taxi business for over three years. But the Transport Department has failed to act. The illegal bike taxi business has impacted the lives of auto drivers who are already facing so many hardships. In states like Maharashtra, Delhi and others, respective governments banned illegal bike taxi businesses. We want the State government to do the same."

He said from Thursday, drivers will display black flags on their autos while plying. "We have been giving requisitions to the authorities but no action has been taken," he said.

Maiden flight test of indigenous power take-off shaft carried out

Take off: The power take-off shaft will support the requirements of future fighter aircraft. PTI

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The maiden flight test of the power take-off (PTO) shaft was conducted on Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

The PTO shaft, a critical component in the aircraft, will support the requirements of future fighter aircraft and their variants and offers competitive cost and reduced time of availability.

With this successful test, the DRDO has achieved a greater technological feat by employing complex high-speed rotor technology, which only a few countries have achieved.

The PTO shaft was designed with a unique, innovative patented Frequency Spanning Technique, which enables it to negotiate different operating engine speeds.

The lightweight high-speed, lubrication-free PTO shaft transmits higher power between the aircraft engine gearbox and Aircraft Mounted Accessory Gear Box while accommodating misalignments that arise in the drive line.

The PTO shaft is indigenously designed and developed by Combat Vehicles Research & Development Establishment (CVRDE), Chennai.

Aeronautical Development Agency, Centre for Military Airworthiness and Certification, Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited worked with CVRDE to achieve this feat. The PTO shaft technology has already been transferred to Godrej & Boyce, Mumbai and Lakshmi Technology and Engineering, Coimbatore.

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NOTICE

STATE POLICE HEADQUARTER, ODISHA, CUTTACK.

Name : Ms. N.B.Bharathi, IPS
Father's Name : Late C.B.Narayana
Parental Address : 20, 5 'B' Main 10 'C' Cross II Stage, West of Choro Road, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore-86, Karnataka.

It is hereby brought to your notice that a disciplinary proceeding was initiated against you vide Govt. of Odisha Home Dept. Memorandum No. 45226/IPS dtd. 23.11.2017 and Shri Vinaytosh Mishra, IPS, Director & Addl. D.G. of Police, SCRB, Odisha, Bhubaneswar was entrusted for inquiry of the said proceeding vide Govt. of Odisha Home Dept. Order No. 451/IPS dtd. 03.01.2020. On receipt of the proceeding file, the Inquiry Officer fixed different dates to conduct enquiry, but all the notices sent by Addl. D.G. of Police, HRPC, Odisha, Cuttack through Registered/ speed post to your three available addresses have been returned undelivered. The same was also sent in your email ID and found not received till date. You failed to attend the proceeding enquiry in spite of repeated notices to you. Though adequate opportunity was given to you to defend yourself, you did not appear and proceeding was conducted ex-parte. After due application of mind and basing on all the materials on record, the E.O. held you guilty of charges of gross misconduct, disobedience of lawful order and dereliction of duty.

Govt. of Odisha Home Department in its Memo No.6910/IPS dtd. 28.02.2022 sent a notice with the copy of the Inquiry Report dtd.02.02.2022 in which you were called upon to submit your written representation or submission, if you so desire on the findings of the Inquiry Officer within fifteen days from the date of receipt of the notice. If no written statement/representation would be received within the specified date, it would be presumed that you have no reasonable explanation to offer on the findings and the Proceeding would be disposed off ex-parte.

Copy of inquiry report along with enclosures were sent to you through registered post in your three available address i.e. (1) Parental Address-20, 5'B' Main 10'C'Cross II Stage ,West of Choro Road, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore-86, Karnataka (2) C/o Suparna Rajan, 232, 2nd Main Domlur, 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560071 and (3) C/o Shasidhar M, No-1001, Vaishak Manjeshwara, Govindapai Road, 8th Block, Sir M. Visvesvaraya Nagar, Bangalore-560091, vide Letter No. 1428/HRPC (Estt) dtd.16.03.2022, Letter No.1432/HRPC(Estt) dtd.16.03.2022, and Letter No.1430/HRPC (Estt) dtd.16.03.2022 respectively with a request to return the 2nd copy with your dated acknowledgement for further action in the matter. But in the meantime two letters have been returned undelivered.

Under the above circumstance, you are hereby informed to submit your written representation or submission if you so desire on the findings of the Inquiry Officer within fifteen days from the date of advertisement of this notice in daily newspapers. If no written statement/representation is received within the specified date, it would be presumed that you have no reasonable explanation to offer on the findings of the Inquiry Officer and the Proceeding would be disposed off ex-parte.

Spl. D.G. of Police, HRPC

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Tender Extension Notification-1 Date : 13-03-2023

Subject : This office tender notification No : 15/2022-23, Date : 27-02-2023

With reference to the above subject, tenders were invited vide This office tender notification No : 15/2022-23, Date : 27-02-2023 for 05 No's works under different H/A In the above said notification Under Head of Account 4702- MOT – Sl No: 1 Work and 4702-A & P-02 No's works were invited in which Sl.No:2 work has been postponed as under due to technical reasons and published.

Sl No	Subject	As Mentioned Previously	Extended Dated
1	Information regarding tender will be available at this office	07.03.2023 office hours	20.03.2023 office hours
2	Last date of receipt of tender in e-procurement	08.03.2023 17.00 hours	21.03.2023 18.00 hours
3	Date of opening of Technical/Financial Bid	10.03.2023 11.00 hours	24.03.2023 11.00 hours

There will be no changes in the original tender notification and all the information regarding work is published in the "www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in" tender Portal special Note: Any corrections regarding this tender notification will be published only in the "e-Procurement" portal.

DIPR/AD-MDY/KSMC&A/726(A)/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, MI & GWD Division, Mandya**

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby Notified to general public that our Clients, **MARUTHI. H.P**, S/o H.A. Pulakeshi, R/at No. 31/12, Poornanjaneya Swamy layout, Behind Jain Heights Apartments, Hennur Cross, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bengaluru -560043, & **Sri KIRAN H.B**, S/o H.S. Babu Reddy, R/at. No.740, Hoodi Garden, Hoodi Village, Mahadevapura Post, Bengaluru-560 048. intends to purchase the Schedule property from **(1)** Mrs. Noorjan @ Mehaboo Bi, D/o Late Syed Kareem @ Baji, **(2)** Mrs. Mumtaz, W/o Late Syed Wazeer, **(3)** Mr. Syed Noor, S/o Late Syed Wazeer, **(4)** Mr. Syed Nazeer, S/o Late Syed Wazeer, **(5)** Mrs. Ayesha Begam, D/o Late Syed Wazeer and **(6)** Mrs. Zareen Taj, W/o Late Syed Siraj all are residents of Bellahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli & Taluk, Bengaluru-560064. Any person/s having any sort of right, claim or title over the Schedule property may notify with documentary proof, either to us or to our Clients within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of this Notice, failing which our Clients shall assume that there are no claims, whatsoever and there afterwards shall proceed to purchase the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Sy. No. 40/4 (Old Sy. No. 40), measuring to an extent of 37.04 Guntas, situate at Bellahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk (earlier Bengaluru North Addl. Taluk) and bounded on: **East by:** Land bearing Sy. No. 40/3, **West by:** Land Bearing Sy. No. 39, **North by:** Bellahalli-Kannur Main Road and thereafter land bearing Sy. No. 40/1, **South by:** Land Bearing Sy. No. 44

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General Public are hereby informed that, **MR.R.NARAYANASWAMY** is the owner of the schedule property. Originally the property bearing Site No.25 and Southern portion of site No.26 measuring 2025 Sq.Ft. was owned and possessed by Sri.Aravind Keshav. Later on he had sold the property bearing Site No.25 measuring 1350 Sq.Ft. to Sri.A.Muniramaiah. Whereas, Sri.A.Muniramaiah had gifted the property bearing Site No.25 measuring 1350 Sq.Ft. in favor of Sri.M.Krishnappa and Sri.R.Narayanaswamy. Sri.M.Krishnappa had executed a Release deed in favor of Sri.R.Narayanaswamy in respect of Site No.25 measuring 1350 Sq.Ft. presently Sri.R.Narayanaswamy is selling the schedule property and our clients Sri.Yogesh P. and Smt.Suma D., have proposed to purchase schedule property from its present owner **MR.R.NARAYANASWAMY** Person/s, Financial Institution/s, Bank objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right, share, title and interest in the Schedule property may lodge their objections/claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **One Week** from this day of publication and any objection/claims received thereafter will not be binding on our clients and our clients will proceed with purchase in respect of the below mentioned Schedule property as if there are no claims/objections.

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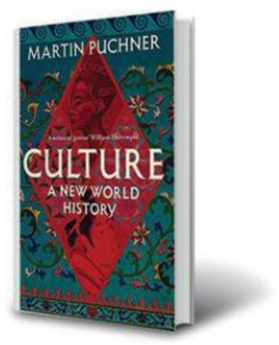


From culture to climate change, new books on history map the world's crossing points

Aware that there are major gaps in coverage down the ages, historians are introducing fresh themes, broader perspectives and asking more questions that can help push the boundaries of research in the future

Sudipta Datta

On the top floor of Deichman Bjorvika Library in Oslo, there is a wood-pannelled room which is part of an installation, the 'Future Library', by the Scottish artist Katie Patterson. The project was inaugurated in 2014, with the premise that every year for a century a manuscript would be commissioned, and kept under lock and key till 2114, when the texts would be printed. Saplings have been planted too in a clearing not too far from the library, and the idea is that the texts will be printed on paper made from trees which would have grown by then. Manuscripts from Margaret Atwood, David Mitchell, Elif Shafak, Han Kang, Karl Ove Knausgaard and others are already in.

It is an "art project that combines the idea of long-term cultural storage with environmental sustainability," writes Martin Puchner in his remarkable new book, *Culture, A New World History*, but which also raises a host of questions. How are the writers being chosen? Do they predominantly hail from the Global North? Will English as a language still be relevant in 2114?

'Will there be a library?

Atwood submitted her manuscript, 'Scribbler Moon', asking more questions: Will there be 'Norway'? Will there be a 'library'?; Will there be a 'forest'? No sooner than the project was launched, it received a jolt: the pandemic. It had to be put on hold when "a tiny virus, itself the product of environmental change" brought travel and much else to a standstill. "The future is unpredictable, reminding us that culture is, at best a broken chain that we keep repairing in every generation," says Puchner. In his book, he observes how down the ages, groups of humans, with diverse and distinct cultures, have been held together by "shared practices." With new evidence now available, thanks to machine learning, computer models and data analysis, historians are guiding readers to a better understanding of the past.

It was David Reich who dramatically revised assumptions of the past with a book about ancient DNA revolution. In *Who We Are And How We Got Here* (2018), he wrote an account of the genome revolution, highlighting some of the themes that have been emerging, "specially the finding that mixture between highly differentiated populations is a recurrent process in the human past."

Another flank is opened up in Peter Frankopan's new book, *The Earth Transformed: An Untold Story*, in which the scope of his study is the way humans have interacted with the natural world. He says he turned to history because it can teach valuable lessons that help formulate questions and sometimes even answers relating to some of the big issues that the world is grappling with. Frankopan puts the spotlight on climate change, which is already sparking water shortages, famines, extreme weather events, large-scale migrations, military conflict and mass extinction. Many new sources of climate data are becoming available, he writes, which "allow us better to understand the natural world deep into the past." As an example, he offers the case of a team of researchers in south-east Kazakhstan who are looking into an 80-metre deep sedimentary layer that provides a record of soil moisture, as well as offering insights into the role that Central Asia plays in global climate evolution in general and into the land-atmosphere-ocean water cycle in the northern hemisphere in particular.

Links with the past

It is imperative, says Puchner, to connect humans living today with distant ancestors, as also with one another: "We can't engineer our way out of today's most intractable conflicts, which are based on age-old troubles involving clashing identities, colliding interests, and opposing beliefs." In his book, Puchner goes through "fragments from the past to generate new and surprising ways of meaning-making." He writes about Firoz Shah Tughlaq who came upon an ancient pillar, erected and inscribed by King Ashoka at Topra, and transported it to Delhi; of Arab archaeologist Mohammed es-Senussi who dug up an Egyptian queen, Nefertiti, "who was meant to be erased from history"; of a caliph who collected knowledge no matter who had produced it; of Plato who openly admired Egypt and invented an alternative history of Greece; an Ethiopian queen who used the Ten Commandments to tell a new story of origin. For him, the main lesson from cultural history is that we need engagement with the past, and with one another, "for cultures to reach their full potential, despite the errors, incomprehension, and destruction that often accompany such engagement."

In Simon Sebag Montefiore's magnum opus, *The World A History*, the focus is on family ties that connect the world across eras and all continents. He tells the history of the world through individuals and families, tracing convergences and divergences but tethering it to human agency. Steering clear of being only Euro-centric, he approached dynasties such as the Ming or Tang of China, the Mughals and the Nehru-Gandhi family in India, the Dahomey kings in Africa, the Hapsburgs and Windsors in Europe and the Kennedys in America. In an interview with *The Hindu*, he said, "Alongside huge countries like India, I wanted to cover others like Cambodia, Haiti, Morocco. Africa was a challenge, because there used to be an attitude that African history didn't start until Europeans arrived. It was the same in the Americas. But I took it as a challenge that I had to cover the history of these places before Europeans turned up."

As Frankopan puts it, one of the difficulties of writing history is that there are inevitably major gaps in coverage.

But books like these can provide a broader perspective and introduce fresh themes, ask more questions that can help push the boundaries of research in the future.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was born on March 15, 1933. Here is a quiz on the American lawyer who was responsible for notable majority opinions in the U.S.

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1

Ginsburg was the second woman to serve in the Court, after Sandra Day O'Connor. She also achieved another feat. What was it?

QUESTION 2

This was a landmark federal statute in the U.S. that was the first bill signed into law by former U.S. President Barack Obama in 2009, regarding pay discrimination assets in the country. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's dissenting opinion proposed an interpretation of the law. Identify the law.

QUESTION 3

Ginsburg authored the Court's opinion in this case in 1996 which struck down this institute's male-only admissions policy as violating the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Which was the institute?

QUESTION 4

Which American lawyer replaced Ginsburg in the Court after the latter's death? Why was the lawyer's appointment controversial?

QUESTION 5

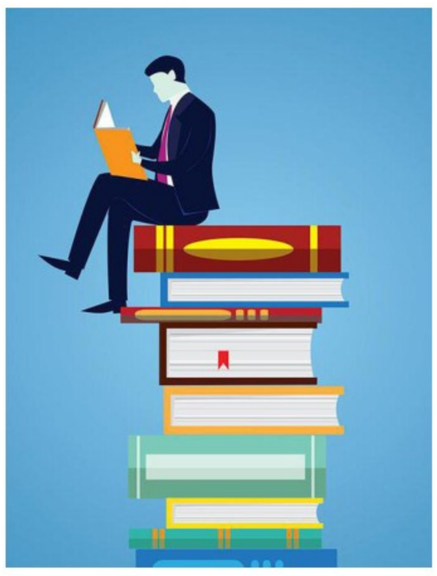
Researchers at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History named a species of this insect after Ginsburg. Identify the species, and what is it called?

QUESTION 6

Ginsburg's increasingly fiery dissents, particularly in *Shelby County versus Holder*, led to the creation of a sobriquet, which became an internet meme. What was she called? Who coined the name?

Visual question:
Identify the artist in the picture who portrayed Ginsburg in a film. What is the name of the film?

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Uranus was named after this entity based on a suggestion by this person. **Ans: The Greek god of the Sky; Johann Bode**
2. The amount of time Uranus takes to spin once and the time it takes to finish one orbit around the Sun. **Ans: It takes 17 hours for one spin and the planet completes an orbit in about 84 earth years**
3) This is not a moon of Uranus. **Ans: Viola**
4) The other planet apart from Uranus which rotates in the opposite direction. **Ans: Venus**
5) Uranus gets its blue colour because of this gas in its atmosphere. **Ans: Methane**
6) This chemical element was named after Uranus. **Ans: Uranium**
Visual question: The number of rings the planet has. **Ans: 13**
Early Birds: K. N. Viswanathan| Dhiraj Singh Rawat| Helen Tom| Jahnavi Taak| Abhishek Sarkar



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Mr. H. Rajendra Prasad, Postmaster General, Hyderabad, feels that 'No sooner... than' is incorrectly used and would like some suggestions regarding its correct use."

"The most important thing about this structure is that after 'No sooner' there is inversion.

No sooner was the speaker introduced than the audience shouted at him.

It is 'No sooner was the speaker introduced' and not 'No sooner the speaker was introduced'.

No sooner was dinner over than he left.

No sooner had he put down the book than she burst out.

No sooner had he reached home than the rain stopped.

'No sooner...' structure is used in writing and rarely in speech. The difference between 'As soon as...' and 'No sooner...' is that in 'No sooner...' there is an element of surprise. Otherwise they mean the same. There is no clause inversion in 'As soon as'.

As soon as I reached home, the rain stopped.

No sooner did I reach home than the rain stopped.

Incidentally, in American slang 'sooner' is used as a noun. It means 'a person who settles on government land before it is legally open to settlers'. He/she is a person who gains an unfair advantage over others. In Australian slang, 'sooner' means 'an idler, a shirker, a good-for-nothing fellow'. In America, a 'sooner' is pushy and in Australia lazy!"

"Mr. R. Narayanan of Sahupuram, Arumuganeri, writes: 'In his statement on the recent Tiruchi train accident, the Minister for Railways stated that it was a clear case of wanton sabotage. Apparently, he meant by wanton 'deliberate, wilful'. However, a reference to the Concise Oxford Dictionary reveals a different meaning. It means 'playful'. Please elucidate."

"'Playful' is one of the meanings of the word. It also means 'without provocation or justification', 'maliciously or unnecessarily cruel or destructive'. The Minister must have used the word in the sense of 'maliciously or unnecessarily cruel or destructive'. A lot of people use the word in the sense of 'deliberately' 'intentionally' thinking that the word is from 'want'. 'Wanton' is derived from Old English 'wan' plus taon'. 'Wan' means 'un' 'toon' means "trained' 'disciplined'. The word originally meant 'poorly trained', 'unmanageable', 'unruly'. Now it has several meanings. The meaning of the word depends on the context in which it is used."

"Mr. Johny J. Pulickal, Assistant Executive Engineer, HI, Bangalore, wants to know whether the 'r' in 'iron' and 'horn' is pronounced."

"No. 'Iron' rhymes with 'lion' and 'horn' rhymes with 'dawn'."

Published in The Hindu on April 21, 1987

Word of the day

Primp:
dress or groom with elaborate care

Synonyms: dress, plume, preen

Usage: *He primped his hair for the awards ceremony.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/primppro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /pɹɪmp/

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With polls round the corner, Escoms guarantee no load-shedding this summer

Escoms have said the decision was taken keeping in mind the SSLC and PUC examinations and irrigation requirements during summer

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In election season, electricity supply companies (Escoms) across Karnataka have decided to make consumers happy by declaring that there will be no load-shedding in the next three months during summer. With peak demand rising during these months, load-shedding during summer was one of the most repeated complaints by consumers.

With peak demand rising during these months, load-shedding during summer was one of the most repeated complaints by consumers. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

Earlier last month, Energy Minister V. Sunil Kumar had informed the Legislative Council that the government had no plans to hike electricity tariffs in the State. However, in the tariff revision proposal submitted to Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, Bescom had asked for an increase in fixed charges for both LT and HT consumers. Now the escoms have announced a decision of no load-shedding this summer.

The decision was taken at a meeting on March 12 chaired by Mahantesh Bilagi, Managing Director, Bescom and chairman, power trading committee of all Escoms, and attended by Managing Directors of all Escoms. However, for the record, the Escoms have said the decision was taken keeping in mind the SSLC and PUC examinations and irrigation requirements during summer.

"Power demand is very high during summer. SSLC and PUC exams have already started. Escoms also have a responsibility to supply more power to farmers as they had recently requested the Chief Minister to ensure uninterrupted power supply during summer," Mr. Bilagi said. "In a bid to meet the high electricity demand in the summer, the Energy Department has instructed Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited and all Escoms to take necessary action to meet the rising electricity demand," he added.

The Escoms have conducted a scientific study about the power requirements as well as generation during summer to ensure that there is uninterrupted supply at all transmission levels in their jurisdiction. The Energy Department has instructed Escoms to make financial arrangements to purchase power during the summer.

Peak summer demand

For the first 12 days of March, Bescom recorded an average peak demand of 7,400 MW per day. It says the peak demand might touch an average of 7,600 MW in the coming days. The total power consumption is likely to reach 132 million units per day in March.

For April, the peak demand is projected to be 7,650 MW per day, and the average daily consumption will be 135 million units. In May, the peak demand is likely to fall to 6,800 MW, with the average daily consumption falling to 124 million units.

Light to moderate rainfall expected in Bengaluru in the coming days

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

While rainfall occurred in some places over coastal and south interior parts of the State on Wednesday, light moderate rainfall is expected in Bengaluru on March 17 and 18.

According to the forecast by the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) in the next 24 hours, rain and thunderstorms are very likely to occur at isolated places over the State.

A few places in interior Karnataka and some places over coastal Karnataka are also expected to see rain and thundershowers in the next 48 hours.

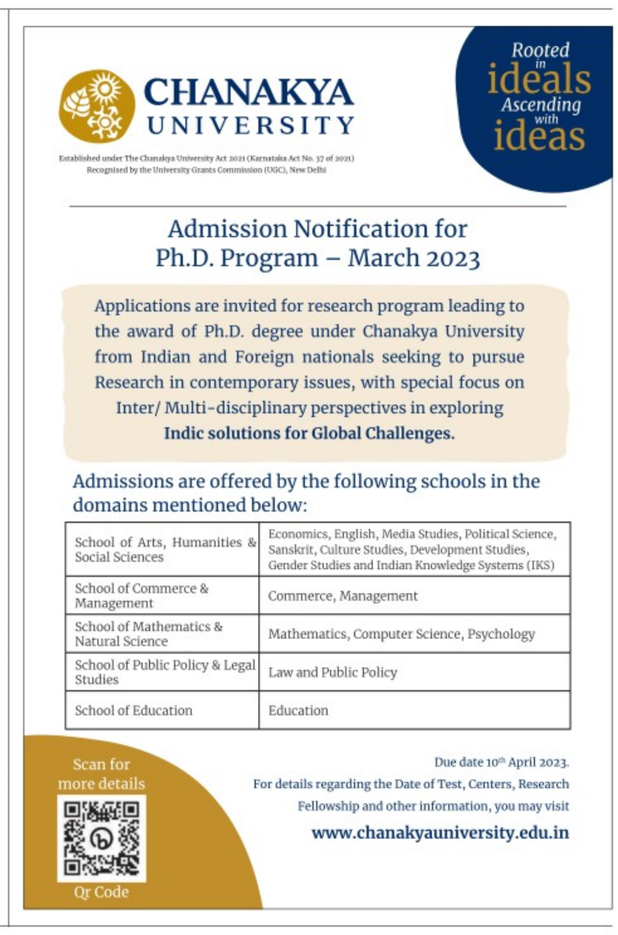
Places in interior and coastal Karnataka are expected to see rain and thundershowers in the next 48 hours. FILE PHOTO

In Bengaluru, the IMD is expecting light to moderate rainfall with thunderstorms on March 17 and 18. "We expect light to moderate rain with thunderstorms on March 17 and 18. There is a 50 to 60% probability that there may be light to moderate storms in Bengaluru on these two days," said A. Prasad, scientist, IMD.

Mr. Prasad added that it was quite common to have thunderstorm activity this time of the year – the pre-monsoon season.

"There is a trough now. The trough from south interior Karnataka to Konkan now runs from north interior Tamil Nadu to Konkan across interior Karnataka and extends upto 1.5 km above the mean sea level. Due to this, some places may witness rainfall and thunderstorms," Mr. Prasad added

The IMD forecasts that thunderstorms are likely to occur over Belagavi, Bidar, Dharwad, Gadag, Haveri, Kalaburagi, Koppal, Raichur, and Yadgir in north interior Karnataka, and over Ballari, Bengaluru Rural, Bengaluru Urban, Chickballapur, Chikkamagaluru, Chitradurga, Davangere, Hassan, Kodagu, Mysuru, Shivamogga, Tumakuru and Vijayanagara of south interior Karnataka in the next 48 hours.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'Murders not connected'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Byappanahalli police have unearthed more information about in the murder case of a woman whose body was packed in a blue plastic drum and abandoned at Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal in Byappanahalli on Sunday evening. Investigation established that there was no link between the accused and the two similar cases reported previously, sources said.

This was the third case of the body of unidentified woman being found in a city railway station in three months, triggering speculation about whether all three cases were linked.

Based on the complaint, the police tracked down the assailants through the CCTV footage and detained them for questioning. Based on their information, the police identified the deceased as Soumyalatha. Further investigation is on.

Toddler falls from balcony, dies

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A one-and-half year old girl was killed after she fell from the second floor of a building in Chamarajpet on Tuesday night. The deceased Deeksha, was the second child of Vinod and Shabnam. The couple and their two children – Deeksha and a four-year old son – live in a rented house in Azad Nagar.

According to the police, the family had gone to their relative Rahul's house for dinner. As Deeksha had slept, Shabnam put her on bed and went to chat with the hosts. After sometime, the toddler woke up, walked to the balcony and slipped through the iron grills, police sources said.

Passers-by saw the child falling from the second floor, but couldn't save her. She was rushed to KIMS where the doctor declared her brought dead. The Chamarajpet police have registered a case and are investigating it further.

Previous incident

This is the second such incident this week. Three-year-old Rahul died after falling from the second floor of Gnanabharati Enclave Apartments in Kengeri on Friday. Rahul was playing with a chair in the balcony and slipped. The incident was recorded by CCTV cameras.

Timings
BENGALURU

THURSDAY, MAR. 16	
RISE 06:27	SET 18:30
RISE 01:37	SET 13:09
FRIDAY, MAR. 17	
RISE 06:26	SET 18:30
RISE 02:38	SET 14:13
SATURDAY, MAR. 18	
RISE 06:25	SET 18:30
RISE 03:37	SET 15:18

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	34	21
Mysuru	33	17
Bengaluru	34	19

Bengaluru Today
32°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be slight cool with mist and haze. Day will be little warm. Night also will be pleasant but hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
30°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm. Night will be pleasant. Spell of rain and thundershower is likely to occur.

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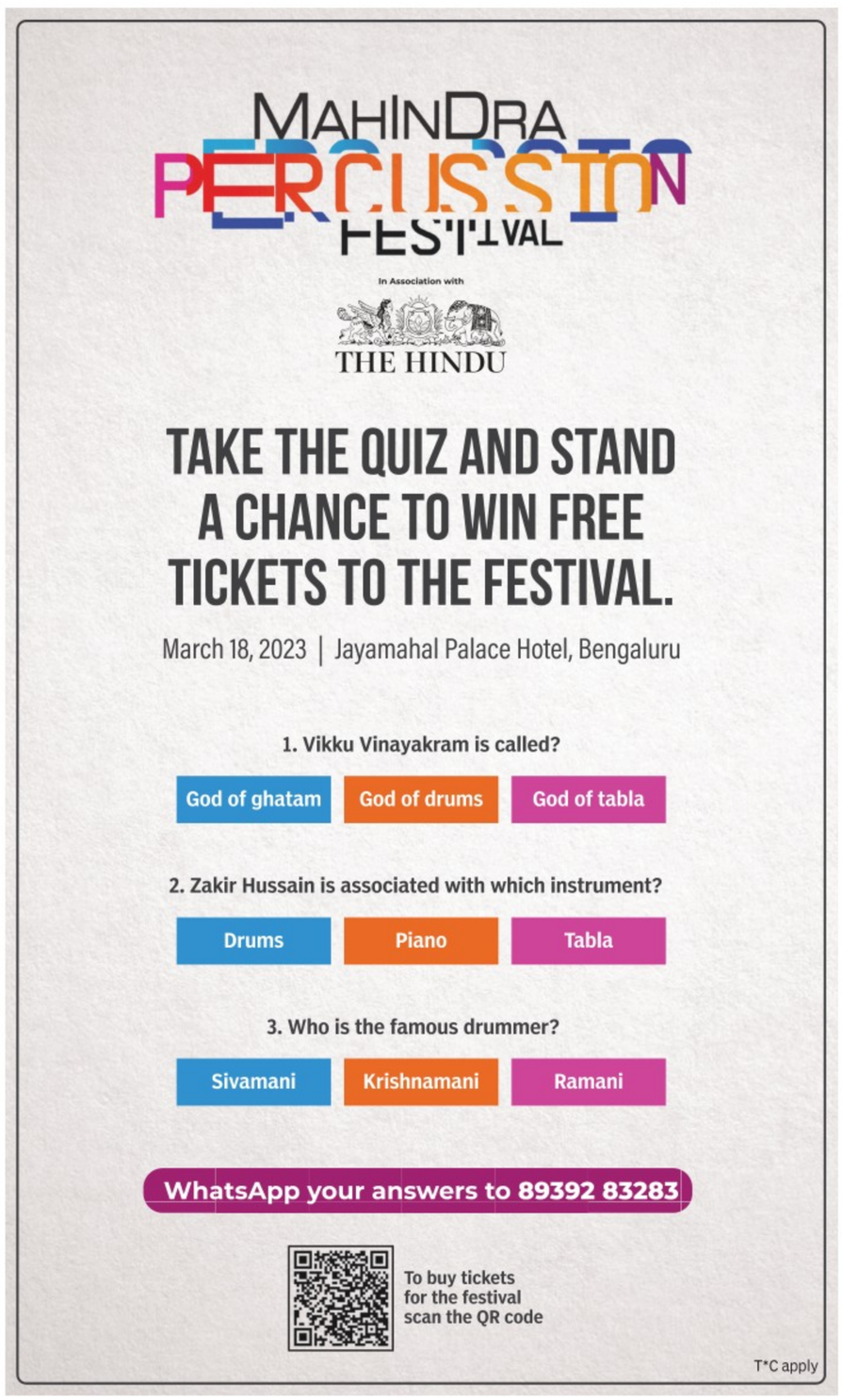
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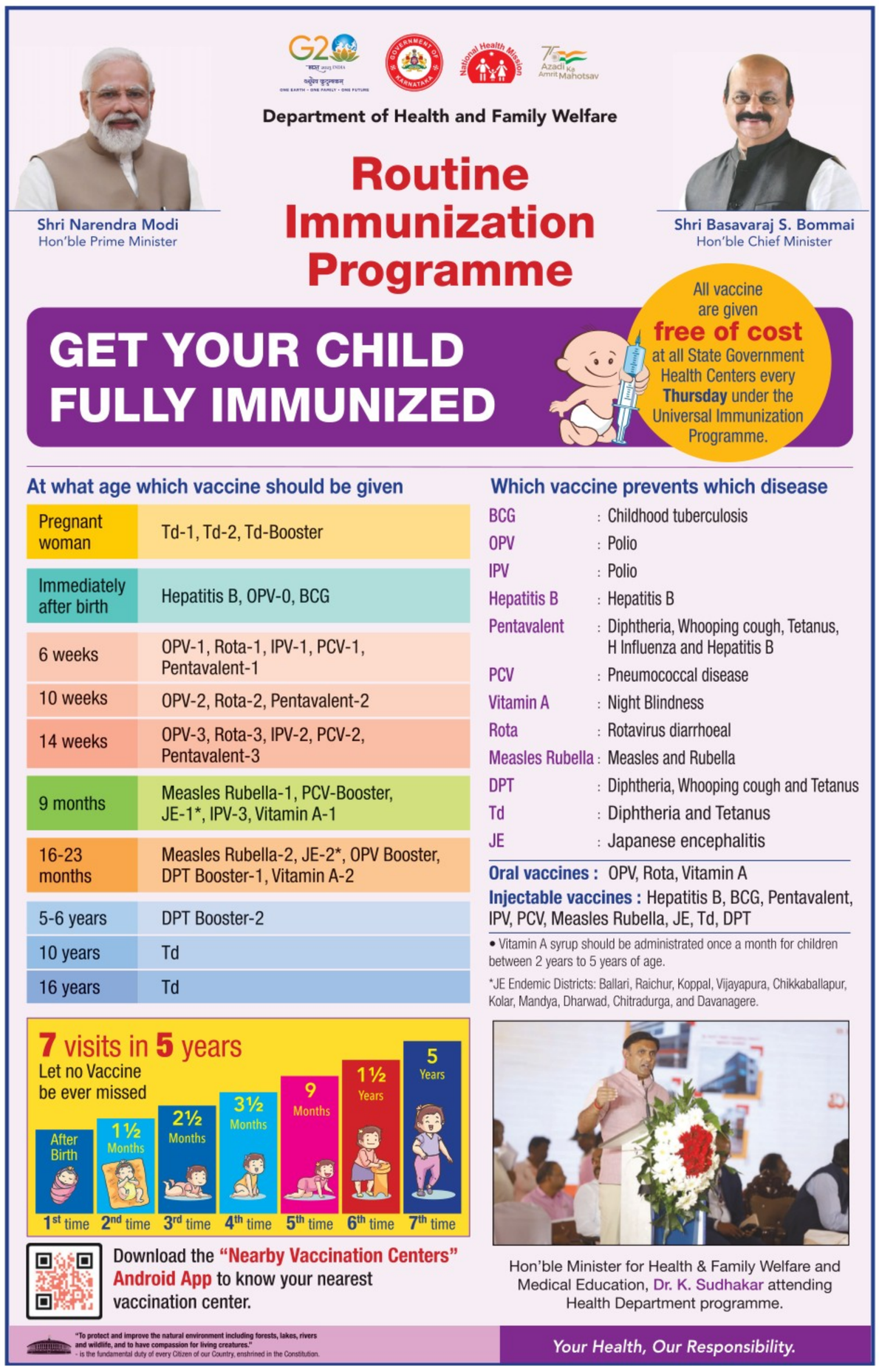
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Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister
Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Routine Immunization Programme
GET YOUR CHILD FULLY IMMUNIZED
All vaccine are given free of cost at all State Government Health Centers every Thursday under the Universal Immunization Programme.
At what age which vaccine should be given
Pregnant woman | Td-1, Td-2, Td-Booster
Immediately after birth | Hepatitis B, OPV-0, BCG
6 weeks | OPV-1, Rota-1, IPV-1, PCV-1, Pentavalent-1
10 weeks | OPV-2, Rota-2, Pentavalent-2
14 weeks | OPV-3, Rota-3, IPV-2, PCV-2, Pentavalent-3
9 months | Measles Rubella-1, PCV-Booster, JE-1*, IPV-3, Vitamin A-1
16-23 months | Measles Rubella-2, JE-2*, OPV Booster, DPT Booster-1, Vitamin A-2
5-6 years | DPT Booster-2
10 years | Td
16 years | Td
Which vaccine prevents which disease
BCG : Childhood tuberculosis
OPV : Polio
IPV : Polio
Hepatitis B : Hepatitis B
Pentavalent : Diphtheria, Whooping cough, Tetanus, H Influenza and Hepatitis B
PCV : Pneumococcal disease
Vitamin A : Night Blindness
Rota : Rotavirus diarrhoeal
Measles Rubella : Measles and Rubella
DPT : Diphtheria, Whooping cough and Tetanus
Td : Diphtheria and Tetanus
JE : Japanese encephalitis
Oral vaccines : OPV, Rota, Vitamin A
Injectable vaccines : Hepatitis B, BCG, Pentavalent, IPV, PCV, Measles Rubella, JE, Td, DPT
• Vitamin A syrup should be administrated once a month for children between 2 years to 5 years of age.
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After Birth 1st time
1½ Months 2nd time
2½ Months 3rd time
3½ Months 4th time
9 Months 5th time
1½ Years 6th time
5 Years 7th time
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Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Medical Education, Dr. K. Sudhakar attending Health Department programme.
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4th Floor, PWD Annexe Building, K.R. Circle, Bangalore-560001

No. PWD/40/PRAMC/2022-23/1433 Date: 15.03.2023

SHORT TERM TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, PRAMC, KPWD on behalf of Governor of Karnataka, invites Short Term Tenders for **Total 06 Road safety Works-01 in Dakshina Kannada, 01 in Uttara Kannada, 01 in Tumakuru and 03 in Udupi District.** Further details can be obtained from Karnataka e-procurement portal **(www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) from: 15.03.2023** onwards.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PRAMC, PWD, Bangalore.

DIPR/CP/RO5282/AAPL/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Department of Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development
Office of the Executive Engineer
MI & GWD Division, Mandya
No:EE:MID:MDY:TB:2022-23:1900 Date:15.03.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO : 18/ 2022-23, Dated : 14-03-2023.

ItemWise Tenders are invited from registered and eligible contractors under " e - Procurement " Portal as per the terms and conditions prescribed in standard tender bid documents KW-2. Under the Head of Account 2702: Maintenance Of LIS there is 01 No of work, Amount put to tender ranging from **Rs. 60.00 Lakhs**. Any information regarding this tender may be obtained from this office up to dated : **21.03.2023 during** office hours. The tenders may be uploaded (Technical and Financial bids to be uploaded separately) with the prescribed E.M.D and requisite documents through website **" www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in"** upto dated **: 23.03.2023 up to 16.30 Hours.** Technical bids/Financial bid of the bidders will be opened on dated :**24.03.2023 at 11-00 AM.** All the rights are reserved for postponement or cancellation of all works or any of the work of this tender by the under signed. Terms and conditions required for the each work is published in the "e-Procurement " Tender Portal. Any additional information is available at the office of the undersigned. Any corrections regarding the works will be published in " e - Procurement " portal only.

Sd/-Executive Engineer, MI & GWD Division, Mandya.

DIPR/AD-MDY/KSMCA/803/2022-23

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
O & M Circle Office, Shakthi Soudha, Bondel, Mangalore - 575 015
Ph: 0824-2443549/2444915 | CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

NO: SEE/MNG/AEE(C)/F-5/2022-23/10446-454 Date: 01.03.2023

Brief Tender Notification (E-Procurement Portal Only)

Item wise tenders are invited from EPF, ESI, GST holder and PWD Registered Contractors (Class - 3 & above) for execution of following Civil Engineering Capital Works in MESCOM Mangalore Circle.

Sl. No.	Tender Number	Name of the Work
1.	MESCOM/2021-22/OW/ WORK_IND ENT1692/CALL-3	Providing lift to MRT Circle Office building at Attavara, Mangalore (General)
2.	MESCOM/2022-23/OW/ WORK_IND ENT1912/CALL-2	Providing and fixing galvanized sheet roof to 33/11 KV sub station control room building at Thokottu (SC Category)
3.	MESCOM/2022-23/OW/ WORK_IND ENT1908/CALL-2	Construction of store yard space by dismantling 2 Nos. of old line man quarters behind division office Bantwal at B C Road. (General)

For more details about the works and for participation in tendering the interested bidders may log on to website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele), O&M Circle, Mangaluru

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Senior Assistant Director, Education, Head Office, BBMP, N. R. Square, Bangalore - 560 002.

No.:SAD(E)/PR/1687/2022-23 Date:15.03.2023

RATE QUOTATION NOTIFICATION

The Senior Assistant Director (Education) invites Rate Quotations of the current market rates from the respective suppliers / shopkeepers for providing the following materials to the students attending the BBMP Schools / Colleges for the year 2023-24.

Sl. No.	Details of School / Colleges	Particulars	Quantity (Nos.)
1	Shishuvihara Schools	Bags	5466
2	Primary Schools	Bags	3906
3	High Schools	Bags	8305
4	Pre-University Colleges	Bags	6682
5	Degree Colleges	Bags	1339
		Total	25,698

1) The Quotations should be inclusive of freight charges and GST. **2)** Last Date for Submission of Sealed Rate Quotations: **20.03.2023 upto 4.00 p.m.** Sealed quotations will be opened on **21.03.2023 at 4.30 p.m.** Interested bidders can participate in the bid. further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned or contact 080-22975728.

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director (Education).

Karnataka State
Office of the Executive Engineer, PWDept. Shimoga Division, Shimoga
No.EE/PWD/Smg/JE-1/IFT-81/2022-23 Dtd:14-03-2023

Short Term Tender Notification

Tender invited thro' E-Procurement (http://eproc. karnataka.gov.in) for the below Indents by PWD Class-4 and above Contractors For needful information please contact Office P.No. 08182-274942 and Helpdesk Ph Nos. 080-25501216/ 080- 25501227)

8443 Deposit Contribution

Reserved for SC:- 1. Soraba Tq 3 Work

Reserved for ST:- 2. Soraba Tq 1Work

All Contractors:- 3. Soraba Tq 12 Work

Tender documents down loading & submission dates: Date:16-03-2023 to 24-03- 2023

Period for completion of works :6 Months, (Including Monsoon)

Sd/- EE, PW Dept Division, Shimoga

DIPR/smg/no.122/03/22-23/2137

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Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society, Bengaluru
(A Government of Karnataka Institutions)
No. 8, MSB-1, 6th & 7th Floor, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru-560052

No.: KREIS/AEE-1/Tender-38/2022-23 Date: 14.03.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Tendering Only)

The tenders have been invited for Repair works for MDRS and KRCRS Schools in Hassan District **(Tender Indent No. 3110, 3111, 3112, 3113, 3114, 3115 & 3116),** through e-Portal vide website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on **15.03.2023.** The last date for receipt of tender is **23.03.2023** upto **5:00 p.m.** The details may be viewed at above website.

Note: Any changes in short term tender notification will not be published in dailies. It will be published in e-procurement portal only.

***Sd/-* Assistant Executive Engineer KREIS**

DIPR/CP/LC/5294/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARANATAKA
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E-Mail:eemidnkst@rediffmail.com, P&F.No.08539:220054

No:EE/MI&GWDD/Koppal/PB-2/TP/2022-23/1407 Dated:13.03.2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers registered civil contractors as per standard bid documents KW-1,KW-3 & KW-4 on E-procurement portal for 09 no of tender works pertaining to Koppal and Raichur Dist The amount put to tender for the mentioned work various from **Rs. 15.45 lakhs to 252.92 Lakhs** . The tenderers may submit tenders for the mentioned work through E-procurement portal only. One cover and **Two cover** tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTTP act shall be followed.

For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours and all information regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or after **14.03.2023.** Last date & time for receipt of tender is **24.03.2023** time 17.30 hours,Pre bid meeting will be held on **21.03.2023** time 11.00 hours Date & time for opening of technical bid **27.03.2023** time 11.00 hours, date and time for opening of financial bid **29.03.2023** time 11.00 hours (If technical bid sanction is accorded by the competent authority).

Sd/-Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/736/KSMCA/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA
No.EE:PWD:CTA:JE-2:Tender-117:2022-23:5050 Dated:- 13.03.2023

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through e-Procurement Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Name of work:- Two cover System:- Head of Account 8443 Deposit Contribution:- (1) Construction of Flat form to Shivanakere lower stage MS Steel Platform and Upper stage RCC Platform in Holalkere Taluk of Chitradurga District under SH-47 (W.I. 164356) **Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:-150.00 Head of Account 3054-04-337-1-10-200 MDR Road Maintainance:-** (2) A) Repair of CD Apporach At Ch: 4.95 KmFrom HA Road to Hosadurga Railway station road in Hosadurga Taluk B) Repair of Road due to Rain Damage at Ch: 0.00 Km to 6.00 Km in Selected Reaches from MH Road to Nayigere, Nagaragere, Mailarapura, Kurubarahalli Road Via Garaga-Hennegere Joining Road in Hosadurga Taluk at Chitradurga Dist (W.I. 166043)/**2nd Call. Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:-7.45 Head of Account 3054-04-105-0-01-200 MDR Bridge Maintainance:-** (3) RECONSTRUCTION OF CD AT KM 16.90 OF HOSADURGA -TALYA ROAD TO TARIKERE-HOSADURGA-VV PURA VIA BV NAGARA, MADHURE, BAGUR, SHETTIHALLI, SANEHALLI IN HOSAUDRGA TALUK (W.I. 166386)/**2nd Call. Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:-5.00**.

Sl. No.1 Tender dates are as mentioned below: Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 20-03-2023 Time: 17.30. Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 21-03-2023 Time: 16.00. Date & time for opening of Technical Bid 23-03-2023 Time: 16.15. Date & time for opening of Financial Bid 24-03-2023 Time: 11.00. **Sl. No. 2 & 3 Tenders dates are as mentioned below:** Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 20-03-2023 Time: 17.30. Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 21-03-2023 Time: 16.00. Date & time for opening of Financial Bid 23-03-2023 Time: 16.15 Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

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1	(WWM-N) K&T Valley	BWSSB/EW(N)KT/PB/2040/2022-23 Date: 15.03.2023	Rs. 20.86 Lakhs / Rs. 0.493 Lakhs	23.03.2023 upto 04:00 pm	24.03.2023 at 04:00 pm

Sd/- Executive Engineer (WWM-N) K&T Valley

Office of The Chief Engineer (Design & QA), 9th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bangalore-560 009.

2	DC & BM	BWSSB/EE(DC & BM)/PB/4237/2022-23 Date: 08.03.2023	Rs. 55,36,618/- / Rs. 1,10,733/-	23.03.2023 upto 04:00 pm	24.03.2023 after 04:01 pm
3		BWSSB/EE(DC & BM)/PB/4239/2022-23 Date: 08.03.2023	Rs. 55,70,594/- / Rs. 1,11,412/-		

Sd/- Executive Engineer (DC & BM)

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No. KBJNL/NRBC/D-4/TND/PB-1/2022-23/1073 DATE: 13/03/2023

CORRIGENDUM-I

Sub:- Postponement of Calendar Events of Tender - Reg.,
Ref:-1) This office Tender Notification No.993,996,997 Dtd:02/03/2023
2) This office Corrigendum Letter No.1073 Dtd:13/03/2023

Tenders for Work Indent No.24268,24266,24289 were invited vide this office Tender Notification cited at Reference-1 and Postponed vide Reference-2.Further, Calendar Events of Tender is shown under.

1) Issue and submission of tender documents will be as under. 2) Contractors can request for e-tendering documents from web site from 03.03.2023 to 16.03.2023 from 10 AM to 5 PM, the contractor has to pay the transaction fee as per e-portal norms, using payment modes-1)Credit card/National electronic fund transfer (NEFT)/over the counter (OTC) 3) Submission of completed e-tendering document will be from 03.03.2023 to 16.03.2023 upto 5 PM 4) Tenders will be opened Technical and Financial Bid electronically in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, NRBC, Division No.4, Chikkahonnakuni on 18/03/2023 and 20.03.2023 @ 11.00 AM respectively.

For any clarification regarding the tenders please Contact http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or office of the undersigned during office hours on working days.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, NRBC, Division No.4, CHIKKAHONNAKUNI-584111

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, Sri. D. V. Venkatesh son of Sri.D.N. Vishwanath is the absolute owner of the properties described in the Schedule hereunder.

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SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

Item No.I
All that piece and parcel of the agriculture land bearing Survey Number 194/2 measuring 1 Acre 38 Guntas situated at Kodiyalakarenahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District and bounded on the,
East by: Land bearing Survey Number 191; **West by:** Land bearing Survey Number 194/1; **North by:** Land bearing Survey Number 193/4; **South by:** Road ;

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All that piece and parcel of the agriculture land bearing Survey Number 193/4 measuring 1 Acre 22 Guntas kharab 2 Guntas situated at Kodiyalakarenahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District and bounded on the,
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Item No.III
All that piece and parcel of the agriculture land bearing Survey Number 193/3 measuring 1 Acre 07 Guntas, kharab 2 Guntas, situated at Kodiyalakarenahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District and bounded on the,
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All that piece and parcel of the agriculture land bearing Survey Number 192/6 measuring 19 Guntas situated at Kodiyalakarenahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District and bounded on the,
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PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME

I, JYOTHI Dinakar Shedty, R/a No.490, Sri Nandi, 15th B Crs, 15th Mn, 4th Sector, HSR Lyt, Blore-102 have changed my name to Jyothi Dinakar Shetty vide affidavit dt: 14.03.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL, BANGALORE, (CCH-22)
O. S. No. 25090 of 2022
Plaintiff :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd.,
Having its Regd. Off at Mytree Centre, No. 4, 101 Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068. Reptd. by its Debt Collection Manager : Sri. Pramodh. G, S/o. Gurumallappa. B
Defendant :
Mr. Chiranjit Malakar
S/o. Ranjit Malakar
Aged about 32 years, Residing at No. 4256, 2nd Stage, 65th Cross, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bangalore - 560 078.
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of **Rs. 4,91,402/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Ninty One Thousand Four Hundred and Two Only)** together with future interest at 10.99% p.a, you are hereby summoned to appear in the court of the 13th Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bangalore in person or by pleader on the 13th day of April, 2023 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on **07.03.2023**
Bengaluru.
Dated: **07/03/2023**
By Order of the Hon. Court, Dy. Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo hall unit, Bangalore
Altaf Hasan, Advocate, R. No. 474/1993, 60, G-3, M. M. Complex, Chikka Bazaar Road, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XVI ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE
O.S. No. 2061/2021 (CCH-12)
BETWEEN: Smt. A.N. GEETHA, aged about 50 years, W/o. Sri. Venkateswar, D/o Sri. A.B. Narayana, R/o 26 A/2, Annanagar, JRV Flats, Saradha College Road, Hasthampatti, Salem, Tamil Nadu-636007. Represented by her P.A Holder **Smt. A.R. BAGYALAKSHMI**, aged about 57 years, W/o Sri A.N. Ramanath, R/o. No.39, Venkatappa Street, Near Ganapathi Vidya Mandir, Chikka Mavalli, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004. ... **PLAINTIFF**
AND: Sri. PRABHAKAR and another ...**DEFENDANTS**
NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS
1. Sri PRABHAKAR, aged Major, S/o. Not known to the Plaintiff, R/o portion of Property Khata No. 426/1-63/51, 2nd Main, V.D. Chandru Layout, Devasandra, K.R. Puram, Bangalore-560036.
2. Sri VENKATESH, aged major, S/o Not known to the Plaintiff, R/o portion of Property bearing Khata No. 426/1-63/51, 2nd Main, V.D. Chandru Layout, Devasandra, K.R. Puram, Bangalore ... **DEFENDANTS**
NOTICE OF INSTITUTION OF SUIT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLIC PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF THE CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE.
Notice is hereby given to the above said Defendants informing that the Plaintiff has initiated this suit against the you and other defendants for a decree of Declaration Mandatory Injunction and Possession in respect of the Schedule Property and for such other reliefs mentioned in the suit.
You are hereby given notice to either appear in person of through a Pleader to answer the court on the day and time mentioned below failing which the above suit shall be heard and decided exparte. The case is now posted to **13/04/2023** at **11:00 A.M**
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL Residential house property site bearing Khata No. 426/1-63/51 situated at Devasandra Village, K.R. Pura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, I.T.I Notified Area Committee, Now Bangalore East Taluk, coming under the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Ward No. 16, 2nd Main, V.D. Chandru Layout Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 feet or 9.14 Meters and North to South 40 Feet or 12.19 Meters, totally measuring 1200 Sq Feet or 111.41 Square Meters and bounded on the: **East by**: Site No.72, **West by**: Site No.70, **North by**: 20 Feet Road, **South by**: Site No.62.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 09/03/2023
By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.
Advocate for Plaintiff:
D. SURESH BABU RAJ

PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME

I, NO.10490353K, Rank: L/NK, Name: Ajay Kumar Mehta, R/a Jakhrana Kalan, Jakhrana, Alwar, Rajasthan-301713 hereby state that I have changed my Son's name from Vipen Kumar to Vipin Kumar vide affidavit dt: 14.03.2023 sworn before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, B'lore

I, KANTHILAL Anil Kumar, R/a No.5, 3rd Cross, K.V.Temple St, Balepet, B'lore-53 have changed my minor Son's name from Ridhaan to Ridhaan Anil Kumar vide affidavit dt: 10.03.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru

I, NIKHIL Mehta, R/a No.94, 38th Crs, 6th Mn, 5th Blk, Jayanagar, B'lore - 11 have changed my name to Nikhil Sohanraj Mehta vide affidavit dt: 10.03.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru.

I, KANTHILAL Anil Kumar, R/a No.5, 3rd Cross, K.V.Temple St, Balepet, B'lore-53 have changed my minor Daughter's name from Misha to Misha Anil Kumar vide affidavit dt: 10.03.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru.

PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHEELA Radhakrishna, R/a No.583, 14th Crs, J P Nagar 1st Phase, B'lore-78 have changed my name to Bangalore Rajendra Sheela vide affidavit dt: 10.03.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru.

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Thanks to Miraculous Infant Jesus for favours received.
- Geetha

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL AT BANGALORE (CCH 20)
O.S. No. 25469/2022
BETWEEN:
M/S ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Promod G,
Aged about 46 years,
S/o. Mr. Gurumallappa ...PLAINTIFF
AND:
Mr. MALLIKA ARJUN KODIHAL
S/o. Mr. Shankrappa Kodihal
Aged 27 years, No. 41, 7th Cross, Ganapathi Nagar, Near Aathithya Bar
Bangalore- 560026
...DEFENDANT
Summons to Defendant
Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 5,08,859.37/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Nine and paisa Thirty Seven Only)** apart from future interest of 9.25% p.a., in **O. S. No. 25469/2022** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-20,** Before Addl., City Civil Court. Mayohall, Bengaluru. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the day of **31st May, 2023 at 11:00 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Give under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **08th day of March, 2023**
By the order of court Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayohall BENGALURU- 560 001
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From Page One

Raid on BJP MLC's house

Mr. Shankar won from the Ranebennur Assembly constituency in 2013 as an Independent and later shifted to the BJP but was denied the party ticket during the bypoll. Subsequently, he was made an MLC. However, responding to the allegations, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai told presspersons in Hubballi that the raids only showed the free hand given by the government to the investigative agencies in the State. He said that the raids were in no way related to the BJP and were carried out by officials.

According to officials, a few thousand saris, schoolbags, and household articles worth lakhs of rupees that had stickers with Mr. Shankar's photograph on them were seized during the raid.

Meanwhile, Mr. Shankar also claimed the articles were meant for distribution by the R. Shankar Fan's Club and Shankar Education Trust and all the articles had been purchased by paying GST.

Final report cannot be hurried: OBC panel

Commission sources said that while Panchamsalis have been demanding re-categorisation to 2A, communities such as Kurubas, Madiwalas, and Savitha Samaj already in the 2A category have opposed inclusion of Panchamsalis fearing loss of reservation benefits.

Mr. Hegde said the commission would recommend addition of 18 Lingayat sub-castes in Category 3B that were dropped by the government earlier. After 19 Lingayat sub-castes were added in 2009, 18 were dropped, barring Panchamshalis, in category 3B, and the commission has recommended the inclusion of these castes again, he said and added that it would be submitting a report on 12 Veerashaiva-Lingayat subcastes to the government.

BJP high command steps in to pacify Somanna; Amit Shah gives audience

One of the key demands of Somanna has been party ticket to both himself and his son Arun Somanna in the constituencies of their choice

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Days after speculations of defection, denials, and expression of disgruntlement by senior party leader V. Somanna, the BJP high command stepped in on Wednesday to defuse the crisis. In a clear attempt to placate the disgruntled senior leader, he was reportedly invited to New Delhi and given an audience with Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday night.

However, the outcome of the meeting is unknown. Mr. Somanna did not speak to the media after meeting Mr. Shah. "It was a brief 10 minute meeting coordinated by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, who was also present during the meeting," said a senior party leader from the State.

V. Somanna

One of the key demands of Mr. Somanna has been party ticket to both himself and his son Arun Somanna, in the constituencies of their choice. The party is not willing to give two ticket to a family, sources said. However, a section of the party high command has now tried to placate him with an offer to rehabilitate his son in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls in 2024, probably from Tumakuru, sources said. Whether these negotiations have been fruitful is yet to be seen. Given his soured relationship with B.S. Yediyurappa, who has not made any attempts to placate Mr. Somanna till now, and his direct attack on the former Chief Minister's son B.Y. Vijayendra, the faction opposed to Mr. Yediyurappa within the party has now cosied up to Mr. Somanna over the last few days, sources said.

On Wednesday, speaking in New Delhi and earlier in Bengaluru, Mr. Somanna said that he respected Mr. Yediyurappa, but also expressed displeasure over how he was being treated by the former Chief Minister. He, however, refused to comment on Mr. Vijayendra and said he was a senior leader in his 70s, while the latter was still a "young boy."

Panchamasali community threatens to field 52 Independent candidates

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Upset with the BJP government for not coming out with a clear stand on the 2A category reservation to the Panchamasali-Lingayat community, the Panchamasali reservation agitation committee on Wednesday said the community is mulling over fielding 52 Independent candidates in the coming Assembly polls.

'Candidates ready'

Basava Jaya Mrutyunjaya Swami, honorary president of the Panchamasali reservation agitation committee and seer of the Lingayat Panchamasali Peetha of Kudalasangama, told media persons here that 52 candidates are ready to contest the polls and it was under discussion. The agitation entered the 61st day on Wednesday.

The announcement comes on a day when the Karnataka Backward Classes Commission stated that their final report on this issue of reclassification, on which government will have to take a final call, is unlikely to be ready soon.

Threatening to change the form of their agitation if the government does not announce its stand on the reservation now, the seer said: "We had given the government a deadline till March 15. We will now tour all constituencies and start a movement to influence our community members to choose the right candidate. The party that promises to fulfil our demands will get our support."

Stating that Lingayats got plum posts with the support of Panchamasali community votes, the seer said: "They also became Chief Ministers but ignored and sidelined us. If you go to polls in this situation, you cannot emerge victorious."

'Will inform PM'

"Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa have done injustice to our community. We will now inform Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah that they should not rely on these two to win elections," he said.

"We are now pinning our hopes on national leaders Mr. Shah and BJP president J.P. Nadda."

Will try to stop Maharashtra's plan to offer health insurance in border villages, says CM

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has said he would try to stop Maharashtra from going ahead with the health insurance schemes in the 865 disputed villages of Karnataka.

He was responding to queries from journalists in Belagavi on Wednesday about Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announcing an additional ₹54 crore for implementing the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jan Arogya Yojana to extend its jurisdiction to the border villages in Karnataka. Maharashtra has gone to the Supreme Court, claiming them as its own. Earlier in the day, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar had chastised Mr. Bommai for his failure to stop a neighbouring State from interfering in its internal affairs.

Mr. Bommai said he does not need to learn lessons from Mr. Shivakumar. "Why should I resign if Maharashtra plans to release funds for Karnataka villages? Even Karnataka releases money for the welfare and convenience of pilgrims who visit Pandharpur and Tuljapur in Maharashtra," he said.

Several Kannada organisations have strongly criticised the Maharashtra government's decision.

DKS calls Sood 'unfit' for post; Home Minister hits back

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar has said that Director-General and Inspector-General of Police (DG&IGP) Praveen Sood is "unfit" to continue in office.

Speaking to media persons here, Mr. Shivakumar threatened to take action against Mr. Sood once the Congress comes to power after the Legislative Assembly elections in Karnataka.

"Mr. Sood has filed 25 cases against Congress leaders. Not a single case has been registered against BJP leaders. The police officer is protecting this BJP government," Mr. Shivakumar alleged. "The Election Commission of India should take action and change the DG&IGP," he said, demanding that Mr. Sood be arrested.

Mr. Shivakumar has been at loggerheads with Mr. Sood since the latter visited Mangaluru and described the November 19, 2022, cooker blast incident "an act of terror." Mr. Shivakumar claimed there was no proper investigation to arrive at that conclusion and accused the BJP government of trying to use the blast to divert attention away from the "vote gate" scandal.

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra hit out at Mr. Shivakumar and said the Congress leader has lowered the morale of the police force by levelling baseless charges against Mr. Sood. Targeting government officials before coming to power by the Congress leaders has demonstrated their desire to secure power to serve their own interests, the Home Minister said.

After 108-ft Kempe Gowda statue, Bommai promises Basaveshwara statue of similar height

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has agreed to the demand by Lingayat seers to install a 108-foot-tall statue of Basaveshwara on the banks of the Ghataprabha river in Belagavi district. This comes on the heels of Kempe Gowda statue of a similar height being unveiled on the premises of Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Chief Minister made the promise during the foundation stone laying ceremony of a new Basaveshwara statue in Belagavi on Wednesday. He said he would get experts to look into the proposal and prepare a detailed technical report.

Basavaraj Bommai

Prabhakar Kore, former Rajya Sabha member and BJP leader, said the new statue will replace an old one that was slightly damaged. He said there will also be a Basaveshwara park with a garden and a replica of the Anubhava Mantapa and statuettes of some sharanas who were associates of Basaveshwara.

He hoped the statue at Ghataprabha would be modelled on the lines of the Sardar Patel statue in Gujarat and the Kempegowda statue at Bengaluru airport.

Ahead of elections with Karnataka, the BJP has been trying to woo Vokkaligas, while also trying to protect its traditional vote base of Lingayats.

Child rights' groups submit memorandum to parties

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ahead of Assembly polls, child rights' organisations in the State, including Campaign Against Child Labour-Karnataka, Karnataka Child Rights Observatory, People's Alliance for Right to Education, and Union of Education Resource Centres, Dakshina Kannada, have submitted a memorandum to political parties to include demands of children in their manifestos.

The demands include a comprehensive policy on child welfare and health of all children below 18 years and providing adequate funding and staff for its implementation, provision of 15% allocation in the State budget for child healthcare, formulation of Karnataka State Action Plan for Children, and a comprehensive State Education Policy. "All rural and urban adults who are going to vote are concerned about the lives and future of their children. This concern is about rights-based issues like health, nutrition, education, and protection of children," they said.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (P&C), IDCO,
IDCO TOWERS, BHUBANESWAR - 751022

Tender Call Notice No. H.O./P&C/EST-E-2191/01/2023/ 7763 Date :- 14.03.2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Value of Work (Approx.)	Period of Completion
1.	Laying of treated water rising main of 600mm dia, 500 mm dia DI K-9 pipeline & MS Pipeline with Valves, specials, fittings etc. from MEIL Pumping main at Jamadeipur to Mundamba-Malipada Industrial Area in Khurdha district.	₹ 45.13 Crores	04 (Four) Calendar Months

I. Other details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
		From	To
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Bhubaneswar-751022.	Bid ID.No.P&C/EST/ E-172/2022-23	17.00 Hours of dt. 24.03.2023	17.00 Hours of dt. 12.04.2023

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal www.tendersodisha.gov.in . Corrigendum or addendum if any will not be published in news papers and can only be seen in the e-procurement portal www.tenderodisha.gov.in as well as IDCO website www.idco.in.

CAD-5147: Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar
OIPR-14003/11/0326/2223

Karnataka Public Work Department
(A Government of KarnatakaEnterprises) O/O Executive Engineer PWD Division, Hosapete, Dist:-Vijayanagara

No:EE/PWD/Dn/Hosapete/TND/2022-23/ 3796 Date: 13/03/2023.

Short Term E-Tender Notification

Tenders are invited by undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, PWD Division Hosapete, Vijayanagara Dist, for the work notified in the statement below. The bid shall be in Two Cover system namely technical bid and financial bid through Electronic system containing details of EMD through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sl. No	Work Indent No	Estimate Cost (Rs in Lakhs)
1	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT166912	25.00
2	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT167233	300.00
3	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT167147	82.11
4	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT167567	190.00
5	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT167144	200.00
6	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT167126	146.78
7	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT165294	152.95
8	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT166735	98.80

1 Quarries of Tender On **As Per E-procurement Portal.** 2 Last Date of Tender Submission On **21/03/2023 @ 16.00 Hours.** 3 Tender Opening date On **23/03/2023. @ 11.30 Hours.** 4 Financial Bid Opening Date **As Per E-procurement Portal.**

Note: 1. Any Changes Either in Tender date or any other condition , Tenderers can view in E-procurement Portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/Vijayanagar/429/KSMCA/2022-23 PWD Division Hosapete, Vijayanagara District.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that, our client intends to PURCHASE the immovable property more fully described in the schedule property hereunder from present ownersi.e., **Mrs. M. Bhramramba, Dr. Raveesh KMNRI, Mrs. Roopa Harish and Mr. Manjunath K.M. all are legal heirs of late Mr. Mahadevappa K.M,** all are residing at No.366,5th Cross, Udayagiri Kotthatthi Hobli, Mandya Taluk, Mandya District.

Any persons, financial institutions having any sort of claim / rights / interest / charge on the below said property or any objections for the said sale of the property may file their objections in writing along with supporting documents, addressed to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, it shall be construed that there are no claims of any sort over the below said property and our client shall be advised to proceed with the proposed transaction. Any claims thereafter shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant **Site No.1880, in Block 'A',** having BBMP Municipal No.2981/1880, formed by the Aircraft Employee's Co-Operative Society Limited, Bangalore, measuring to extent of **East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 60 feet, in totally measuring 2400 Square feet,** carved out of Sy. No.6/1 and others, situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District and now the property coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP and bounded on:

East by : Site No.1879, West by : Site No.1881,
North by : Site No.1889, South by : Road.

Sd/- S.M. Manjunatha, Advocate,
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IN THE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, FIRST CLASS, AT LYCEUM COMPLEX ALTHINO, 'B' COURT PANAJI-GOA.

Cri. Case No. IPC 155/2014/B

State of Goa .... Complainant
V/s
Rahul Mashelkar .... Accused

FORM No. 4

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED [SEE SECTION 82 OF Cr. P.C.]

WHEREAS, complaint has been made before me that Accused No.-1, Shri Rahul Mashelkar, S/o. Anil Mashelkar, H.no.474, 8A Cross, Chowdeshwari Nagar, Laggeri Banglore, H.no. 173 Near Kalyan Mandap, Narayan Guru Nagar, Sirsi, Karwar, Karnataka, has committed [or is suspected to have committed] the offence punishable under section 380 r/w 34 of IPC and and it has been returned to a warrant thereupon issued against the said Accused No.-1, Shri Rahul Mashelkar cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Accused No.-1, Shri Rahul Mashelkar, has absconded [or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrants.

PROCLAMATION is hereby made that the said Accused No.-1, Shri Rahul Mashelkar, S/o. Anil Mashelkar, H.no.474, 8A Cross, Chowdeshwari Nagar, Laggeri Banglore, H.no. 173 Near Kalyan Mandap, Narayan Guru Nagar, Sirsi, Karwar, Karnataka, is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint within 30 days from this date. The case is fixed for hearing on 05/04/2023 at 10.00 a.m.

Dated this 13 February, 2023

Judicial Magistrate First Class,
DI/ADVT/2276/2023 **'B'Court Panaji Goa**

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

SHRADHANJALI

The soul is neither born, nor does it ever die; nor having once existed, does it ever cease to be. The soul is without birth, eternal, immortal, and ageless. It is not destroyed when the body is destroyed.
- Bhagavad Gita

V. RAMANATHAN
28-Sep-1928 • 08-Mar-2023

Ravichander's & Balachander's families
Email : ravi@chanders.net • balashan@gmail.com

DEATH

Mrs G. M. Charlu (91 years)
w/o Late Prof. P.K. Charlu
Passed away on 14.3.2023.

Funeral : 3 pm, 16 March 2023
Venue: CSI. St. Thomas Mount Wesley (English) Church, Butt Road, Chennai
Burial : Garrison cemetery, St. Thomas mount

Viewing for last respects at the church from 2pm
Deeply mourned by her children: Daniel Charlu, Sheila George, David Charlu and their families, relatives and friends.
Contact: David Charlu (9940118484)

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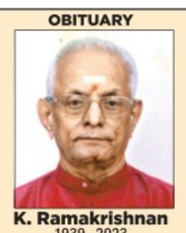
DEATH

OBITUARY



K. Ramakrishnan
1939 - 2023
Attained Sivalogaprapthi peacefully at his Srikrupa residence on March 14th, 2023 at 1:23 AM
Deeply mourned by
KRK Kin, Family and Friends

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

FOURTH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Mr. S.VENKATESAN
DOB:11.11.1948❖DOD:16.03.2020
CHAIRMAN,
S.V.A. Rikkon Lubes Pvt. Ltd.
— *Fondly Remembered by* —
Family, Friends & Employees of S.V.A. Rikkon Lubes Pvt. Ltd.
Ph: 99404 97370

INBRIEF

Salary of Escom, KPCL staff to go up by 20% next month

After the upward revision of the pay scale of the Karnataka government employees, the Energy Department has decided to increase the pay scale of all employees of electricity supply companies (Escoms) and Karnataka Power Corporation Limited by 20% from April 2023.

Energy Minister V. Sunil Kumar said it was decided that the salaries of employees of KPTCL and Escoms would be increased. Later, the decision was also brought to the notice of CM Bommai. The ruling BJP government had already hiked its employees' salaries by 17%, which would come into effect from next month.

Lingayat delegation meets AICC president Kharge

A day after a delegation of 'left' Dalit leaders met AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge, senior Veerashaiva-Lingayat leaders Shamanur Shivashankarappa and Allam Veerabhadrappa met him in Delhi on Wednesday. They are said to have sought ticket for Lingayat candidates in more than 50 constituencies. Meanwhile, Congress ticket aspirants from Mandya also met Mr. Kharge.

Chaos rocks Kerala Assembly as UDF leaders stage protest

Opposition leaders accuse Speaker of denying them their parliamentary privileges; at least five legislators and a few members of the Assembly's Watch and Ward staff were reported sick

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Extraordinary scenes of chaos and anger rocked the Kerala Assembly on Friday as Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) legislators staged an aggressive protest in front of Speaker A.N. Shamseer's chamber, accusing the Chair of recurrently trampling on the Parliamentary privileges of the Opposition.

At least five Opposition MLAs and a few members of the Assembly's Watch and Ward staff reported faintness and injury in varying degrees after the wardens moved in and hustled away the UDF MLAs staging a protest in front of Mr. Shamseer's office.

Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan visiting the injured MLAs at the General Hospital in Thiruvananthapuram. S. MAHINSHA

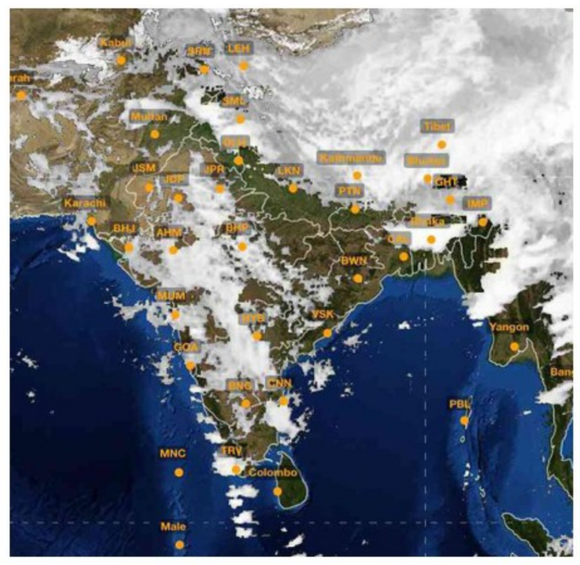
The Opposition anger at the Chair's denial of Congress MLA Uma Thomas's Rule 50 notice seeking leave for an adjournment debate on police "indifference" to women's safety spilt over from the House chamber into the hallways during Zero Hour. The UDF MLAs initially engaged their ruling front counterparts in an acrimonious across-the-aisle shouting match, accusing the Speaker and the government of attempting to silence them.

Later, they boycotted Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's Rule 300 statement on the Brahmapuram fire, filed out of the Assembly and made a beeline for Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan's office. They blocked the passageway to the Speaker's office.

Bedlam broke out when the Speaker summoned the wardens, who dragged and carried the protesting MLAs away from the spot.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Tripura, Bihar, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Konkan & Goa, interior Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	0.7	30.6	20.4	Kozhikode	—	35.5	26.2
Ahmedabad	—	30.7	20.4	Kurnool	—	37.0	21.6
Aizawl	—	30.9	14.7	Lucknow	—	35.0	18.5
Allahabad	—	35.6	19.0	Madurai	—	35.6	23.1
Bengaluru	—	33.6	19.8	Mangaluru	—	33.0	24.6
Bhopal	—	—	18.8	Mumbai	—	36.0	24.4
Bhubaneswar	—	28.0	21.2	Mysuru	—	34.0	18.4
Chandigarh	—	32.5	16.1	New Delhi	—	34.3	16.3
Chennai	—	33.1	24.6	Patna	—	35.0	19.6
Coimbatore	—	36.0	22.6	Port Blair	5	31.2	26.0
Dehradun	—	30.5	14.2	Puducherry	—	33.1	21.6
Gangtok	0.6	17.6	10.6	Pune	—	34.7	22.5
Goa	—	33.2	24.0	Raipur	—	37.0	24.2
Guwahati	19	25.6	17.0	Ranchi	—	33.8	18.0
Hubballi	—	34.0	20.0	Shillong	3	21.4	11.3
Hyderabad	—	33.6	20.0	Shimla	—	19.2	8.6
Imphal	—	27.7	15.0	Srinagar	—	23.1	5.1
Jaipur	—	33.0	19.8	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.5	24.6
Kochi	—	32.2	27.0	Tiruchi	—	35.3	23.6
Kohima	10	22.2	9.4	Vijayawada	—	34.6	23.0
Kolkata	—	34.0	24.8	Visakhapatnam	—	32.2	24.1

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	9	52	60	260	203	
Bengaluru	3	69	35	88	114	
Chennai	24	33	77	152	110	
Delhi	33	124	38	270	325	
Hyderabad	5	58	45	150	146	
Kolkata	11	24	75	103	98	
Lucknow	30	22	38	268	167	
Mumbai	85	268	107	150	161	
Pune	99	136	113	214	150	
Visakhapatnam	19	66	43	174	204	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 340 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Damoh, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 26

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Panel to ask all GPs to display list of castes that come under quota

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In the light of a large number of communities among backward classes being unaware of reservation benefits in education and employment, the Karnataka State Permanent Backward Classes Commission will be sending an updated list of castes and sub-castes to all the gram panchayats across the State.

"During the course of our work, we found that members of many sub-castes were not aware of reservation at all, and many did not even know whether their castes fall in the backward classes list. So, we will be sending the updated list with corrected spellings of castes to all gram panchayats that can be displayed in the offices," Backward Classes Commission chairman K. Jayaprakash Hegde said. He said there are over 900 castes and sub-castes that are brought under the backward classes categories. This also includes two new castes added and about four castes that have been deleted, he added.

Mr. Hegde said the commission in its final report submitted to government last week recommended that orphans not knowing their caste to be given reservation under Category 1 while those knowing castes could be given reservation in their respective categories. Besides, the commission has also submitted reports on 17 castes in backward classes to the government, he added.

'Contractors' allegations baseless'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In the backdrop of Karnataka State Contractors' Associations allegation that government has to release ₹22,000 crore to contractors despite work being completed in various departments, Jayaram Raipura, Additional Commissioner (Finance), BBMP, held a press conference and called the allegations baseless.

Association president Kempanna said besides the Public Works and Irrigation Department, most projects for which money was not released was taken up under BBMP by contractors. He had also alleged that seniority was not being followed in payment of bills. The contractors had threatened to stage protests in front of the CM's residence if bills were not cleared.

"BBMP is working with utmost transparency with the Integrated Financial Management System. All the expenses, tenders, information about bill payments are all available online. We have also finished payments of bills for all the works which had been taken up until 2021 and by the end of this month, it will also be cleared for the works in February and March. We have also brought about the Optional Vendor Discounting Scheme to help the contractors," Mr. Raipura said at the press conference on Wednesday.

He added that the allegations were upsetting when BBMP had been following seniority in all bills and when there was no proof for the allegations. "They could have asked us directly, but they did not. If seniority was not followed in the payment of even one bill, we are open to investigation and I will even resign from my post," he said.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MANGALORE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MANGALORE, D.K, MANGALORE
No. ಮನಪ್ರಾ: ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ : ಜೆಇ(182) : 2022–23 Date: 14-03-2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Commissioner Mangalore Urban Development Authority, Dakshina Kannada District, Mangalore invites tenders From Eligible Class-1 Electrical & PWD Registered Contractors as per Standard Tender Document KW-4 **(Work Indent No.: UDD/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT1948).** For More detailed information please visit website: **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Calender events as Follows Last date for submission of tender: **17.04.2023 @ 4.00PM**, Date of pre Bid meeting: **11.04.2023 @ 4.00PM** MUDA Office, Date of opening of technical Bid: **19.04.2023.** Postponement of calendar of events(if any) is only through e-procurement portal and will not be published in newspaper.

DIPR/MNG/KSMCA/1521/22-23 dt.15.03.2023
Sd/-, Commissioner
Mangalore Urban Development Authority Mangalore

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited
(A Joint Venture of GoK & GoI)
E-mail: contactus@bmrc.co.in Website: www.bmrc.co.in
No.: BMRCL/IT/01/2023 Date: 15.03.2023

CORRIGENDUM-02

The online resale of Tender document for **"ERP Development, Implementation & Support Service for 5 Years"** is scheduled **from 15.03.2023 up to mid-night of 22.03.2023**. Last Date of seeking Tender Clarification is **20.03.2023 up to 17:00 Hrs. (IST).** The date of submission of Tender is on **30.03.2023 from 11.00 Hrs. (IST) to 15.00 Hrs. (IST)**. The date of opening of Tender is on **30.03.2023 at 15.30 Hrs. (IST).**

For further details visit our website: www.bmrc.co.in
Sd/- Managing Director

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರಿಂದ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಗದಗ ವಿಭಾಗದಡಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ ಅನುದಾನದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿಯ ಒಟ್ಟು **837.00** ಲಕ್ಷ ಮೊತ್ತದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಟ್ಟು **62 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ** (ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ: **3.00 ಲಕ್ಷ** ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ: **50.00 ಲಕ್ಷ**) ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿಸಿದ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ (E- Procurement) ಸ್ಟಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ– 1 ಮತ್ತು 2 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಅಂತರ್ ಜಾಲ ವಿಳಾಸ http:// www. eproc. Karnataka. gov.in/ ದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು.

Work Indent No:- 162967 167585 162973-SC 162978 162982-SC 162987 162989 163004 163026-ST 163027-SC 162889 162915 162934 163000 163001 163005-SC 163008 163009 163010 163011 163014 163015 163028 163032 163033 163361-Call-2 163355-Call-2 163358-Call-2 ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ ವಿವರ ಪಶ್ನೋತ್ತರ ದಿನಾಂಕಃ– **17–03–2023,** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕಃ– **20–03–2023** ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ/ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕಃ– **21–03–2023** ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕಃ– **23–03–2023**

Work Indent No:- 166926 167311-ST 167162 162969-SC 162974 162979 162887 162991 163012 163516-SC 163325-SC 166978-SC 166993 167018 167027 167032 167049 167051 166624 166633 167034 167046 166630 167035 166596-SC 166610-ST 166601-SC 166609-SC 166595-SC 166606-SC 167045 166626 166597-ST 166603-SC ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ ವಿವರ ಪಶ್ನೋತ್ತರ ದಿನಾಂಕಃ– **17–03–2023,** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕಃ– **21–03–2023** ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ/ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕಃ– **23–03–2023** ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕಃ– **24–03–2023**

ಜಿ ಎಸ್ ಟಿ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಚಾಲ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶದಂತೆ ಪಾವತಿಸಲಾಗುವದು. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅವಧಿಯನ್ನು ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ವಿಳಂಬದಿಂದ ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸಿದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಸ್ತೃತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಗುವ ಜಿಎಸ್‌ಟಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಳವನ್ನು ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಲೇ ಭರಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಗದಗ/764/2022–23/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿಟಿ **ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಗದಗ ವಿಭಾಗ ಗದಗ**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division, No.144, 2nd Main Road, Jagajyothi Layout, Bengaluru-560056.
No: EE/KEN/TEND/18/2022-23 Date: 15-03-2023

TENDER WITHDRAWAL

Sub: Regarding Withdrawal of Published Tender.
Ref: 1) This Office Tender Notification No: **EE/KEN/TEND/18/2022-23 Dated: 14-03-2023.**
With reference to the above, Tender was invited vide ref (1) and Due to Technical Reasons tender notice bearing No: **EE/KEN/TEND/18/2022-23 Dated: 14-03-2023 is withdrawn.**
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division, BBMP.

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Govt. of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, No.2 Varuna Canal Construction Division, Cauvery Bhavan Complex, Gokulam 4 th Stage, Mysore - 570 020
Email:eevccdn2@gmail.com Ph.0821-2515598
SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No: 15/2022-23 Date : 13.03.2023, Corrigendum No:01/2022-23 Date:13-03-2023

Item wise tenders are invited by Executive Engineer, No.2 VCC Division, Mysuru on behalf of Managing Director, CNNL, Bengaluru from eligible contractors registered in PWD, costing from Rs.65.00 Lakhs to Rs.99 Lakhs for 06 Works of TSP works Call-2 Last date to submit tender form is 21.03.2023 before 4.30 pm. Opening of filled tender form is on 23.03.2023 at 4.30 pm. For more details visit www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in website or office during office hours on working days.

DIPR/DDMYS/KSMCA/1189/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Chamarajpet Division, BBMP Anganawadi Centre, 2nd Main, T.R. Mill Road, Bengaluru - 560018.
No: EE/CMP/TEND/E-Proc/29/2022-23 Date: 15-03-2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, Chamarajpet Division, BBMP, Bengaluru, invites Tenders from eligible Contractors registered in KPWD / BBMP registration in KPWD / CPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the work as detailed below.

(Standard Tender Document - KW-4)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Comprehensive Development Works at Ward No. 165, Chamarajpet Assembly Constituency.	200.00	2,00,000/-

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e- Procurement Portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **23-03-2023 at 11.30 Hrs. in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Chamarajpet Division. 3)** Tenders must be Submitted online through e-Procurement Portal **on or before 16.00 Hrs. on 27-03-2023. 4)** Technical Bids will be Opened on **29-03-2023 at 16.15 Hrs. in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Chamarajpet Division.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Chamarajpet Division, BBMP.

Government of Karnataka
Public Works Department, Special Division, Hunsur
Short Term tender Notification (Through e-procurement)
IFT No.25/2022-23 Date: 10.03.2023

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka the undersigned has invited itemised tender as per terms and conditions of "standard tender documents" for **11**No of works under Various scheme fund in the areas coming under the Hunsur division from the eligible registered contactors under PWD through e-procurement. Maximum amount put to tender **Rs.408.82** Lakhs and Minimum amount put to tender **Rs.42.04 lakhs**. Maximum EMD amount Rs.**613220/-** and Minimum EMD amount is **Rs.84100/-.** Last date for submission of filled tender documents for SL. No 01 to 03 is dt 17.03.2023 and for SL. No 04 to 11 is dt 21.03.2023 upto 16.00 Hours. Period for completion of works (including monsoon): Maximum – 06 months and Minimum-2 months. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in From10.03.2023 for Sl No 01to 03 and for Sl No **04 to 11** from 14.03.2023. For more details visit the undersigned during office working hours.

DIPR/DDMYS/KSMCA/1185/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಸಣ್ಣ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್ಜಲ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಸಣ್ಣ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್ಜಲ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಹಳಿಯಾಳ ವಿಭಾಗ (ಉ.ಕ)
ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: **midhly@yahoo.co.in** ಫೋ.ನಂ: **08284–220113**
ನಂ:ಕಾನಿಅ/ಸಣಿವಿಇ/ತಾವಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ.ವಾ.ಯೊ/ಖಾರಲ್ಯಾಂಡ್/2022–23/3797 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10/03/2023

ಅವಧಿ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್)– ಕೆಡ್ಲ್ಯೂ–4

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿ ನವೀಕರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಐಟಂ ದರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ–2000 ಮತ್ತು ಇತ್ತೀಚಿನ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳಂತೆ ಕರಾವಳಿ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಹರಿಯುವ ನದಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಖಾರ್‌ಲ್ಯಾಂಡ ಯೋಜನೆಗಾಗಿ ಕಾರವಾರ, ಅಂಕೋಲಾ, ಕುಮಟಾ, ಹೊನ್ನಾವರ ಹಾಗೂ ಭಟ್ಕಳ ತಾಲೂಕುಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ **KW-4 (ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ)** ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ **"ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯುರಮೆಂಟ್"** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು: 4702 ಪಶ್ಚಿಮವಾಹಿನಿಯೋಜನೆ (ಖಾರಲ್ಯಾಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು)
(1) ಇಂಟೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: **39426** (2) ಇಂಟೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: **39427** (3) ಇಂಟೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: **39428** (4) ಇಂಟೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: **39429** (5) ಇಂಟೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: **39430** (6) ಇಂಟೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: **39431** (7) ಇಂಟೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: **39432** (8) ಇಂಟೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: **39433** (9) ಇಂಟೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: **39434** (10) ಇಂಟೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: **39436** (11) ಇಂಟೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: **39438** (12) ಇಂಟೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: **39439**

ಖಾಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ: **"https://eproc. karnataka. gov.in/ eportal/index.seam"** ದಲ್ಲಿ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12.03.2023** ರ **ನಂತರ**ದಿಂದ ಡೌನಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು. ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.03.2023 ರಂದು** ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಡ್‌ದಾರರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20.03.2023 ರ ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 05.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.03.2023 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 05.35 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ಸಕ್ಷಮ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ದೊರೆತ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಅರ್ಹತಾ ಮಾನದಂಡಗಳನ್ನು **ಕೆಡ್ಲ್ಯೂ–4 ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್** ರಲ್ಲಿರುವಂತೆ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಮುನ್ನ ಮನದಟ್ಟು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಮೇಲಿನ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ನಿಗದಿ ಪಡಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಂದು ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು. ಹಾಗೂ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ವಿವರಗಳೇ ಅಂತಿಮ.

ವಿ.ಸೂ: ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– (ಅವಿನಾಶ ಆರ್. ಆಲೂರು)
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಸಣ್ಣ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್ಜಲ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಹಳಿಯಾಳ ವಿಭಾಗ (ಉ.ಕ)
DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/1153/22-23 Dt.14.03.23

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
O & M Zonal Office, "Shakthi Soudha", Bondel, Mangalore - 575015
Ph: 0824-2425888 CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425
No: CEE-MZ/SE(O)/EE(P)/AEE(P)/22-23/4714-15 Dated: 10.03.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

MESCOM invites Tender from eligible Tenderers for the following works under single package on Turnkey basis.

- Providing additional Scada Wiring at 15 Nos. of 33/11kV Sub-Stations in Mangaloe O&M Zone.
- Installation, Testing and Successful commissioning of integrated SCADA System available at 33/11KV Subrahmanya, Gangoli & Malpe Sub-Statoins.
- Dismantling & Shifting of SCADA equipments from 33/11KV Mulky and Karkala Sub-Stations (Upgraded to 110KV Sub-Station) and successful implementation of this SCADA System at 33/11KV Parkala & Venoor Sub-Stations respectively.

The bids will be received through Electronic tendering mode only. The detailed tender notification can be obtained by logging on **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **16.03.2023**. Any Further details can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Chief Engineer(Ele.), O&M Zone, Mangaluru
For Power Related Complaints & Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
OFFICE OF THE, Executive Engineer, KNNL, HBC Divn., Athani – 591304, Tq: Athani. Dist: Belgaum (Karnataka).
No./KNNL/HBC/PB/TND/2022-23/4579 Date: 13.03.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement only)

Lump sum Turn Key Basis tenders are invited as per KW-4 in Two cover system for below mentioned and System for from eligible tenderers, for the works detailed below by the undersigned.

On behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, the Executive Engineer, KNNL, HBC Division Athani, invites percentage basis tender from interested, experienced and resourceful civil contractors from KPWD Class II and Above Contractors who fulfill the pre-qualification criteria for the bellow mentioned work.

The two cover bid submission procedure as per Rule 28 of KTPP Act shall be followed The bidders are requested to submit their bids in two cover system including EMD in e-cash. The first cover (Technical Bid) should contain the documents as mentioned in Para 4, The second cover shall contain the financial bid. The cover-I (Technical bid) will be opened first. Thereafter cover-II (financial bid) of only those bidders who have fulfill the conditions contained in Para.4 will be opened.

The blank tender documents can be obtained through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and can be submitted through electronic tender only.

The approximate estimated cost of work is 1) Rs. 423.67 Lakhs 2) Rs. 423.67 Lakhs

1:The contractor can request for e-tendering documents: From 15-03-2023 @ 10.30 AM to 23-03-2023. upto 4.00 PM,2:Last date & time for tender queries:21-03-2023 upto 4.00 PM, 3:Pre bid meeting will be held in the office of the EE HBC Division Athani: 20-03-2023 at 11.00 AM. 4:Submission of completed e-tendering document:From 15-03-2023 @ 10.30 AM to 23-03-2023. upto 4.00 PM,5:Opening of Technical Bid at EE KNNL HBC Division Athani :27-03-2023 @ 11.00 AM, 6:Opening of Financial Bid at EE KNNL HBC Division Athani:30-03.2023 @ 11.00 AM (Or after Approval of Technical Bid), 7:Date for Producing original document @ EE KNNL HBC Division Athai:28-03-2023 @ 11.00 AM.

Any other information can be had from the undersigned during the office hours on telephone: 08289-251034 and H.P company helpline 080-22485867

Sd/-S.G.Srinath,
Executive Engineer, KNNL HBC Division, Athani
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-2061/KSMCA/2022-23

Lessons learnt

RBI should ensure banks are protected from global contagion, mismanagement

A faltering bank, this time on the U.S. West Coast, sparked a *déjà vu* moment across global markets last week as fears of a Lehman redux triggered sharp declines in banking stocks worldwide and saw investors make a beeline for safe haven assets such as gold. However, over the course of four days from Friday, regulators in the world's largest economy acted with alacrity to bolster public confidence in the banking system. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) first took over the Silicon Valley Bank in California, and on Sunday took control of New York-based Signature Bank and in concert with the Federal Reserve and the Treasury Department announced that depositors in both the banks would be repaid in full. Shareholders of the two banks would, however, not be protected, regulators said. On Monday, U.S. President Joe Biden sought to reassure the nation and global markets that the U.S. was committed to maintaining a resilient banking system, and would move to simultaneously tighten regulations for banks to make it less likely for such failures to occur again. While the coordinated steps have, at least for now, restored a degree of calm in most markets, there are lessons that have been learnt and others that could, perhaps, be gleaned over time.

Silicon Valley Bank's case is fairly unique. With the depositor base comprising start-ups and venture capitalists, mostly from the tech hub of Silicon Valley, the customers were geographically and sectorally concentrated. The bank had also invested extensively in a portfolio of U.S. Treasuries and mortgage bonds, which had as a result of the recent sharp interest rate increases by an inflation-battling central bank accumulated unrealised losses that became too costly to liquidate in a distress situation. Signature, on the other hand, had exposed itself to highly volatile cryptocurrencies by providing services to those investing in digital assets. That, along with a run on deposits, ultimately proved to be its undoing. Blaming the Fed's monetary tightening as the proximate cause for the bank failures is a case of being unable to see the wood for the trees. Interest rates move in cycles and all banking is fundamentally predicated on managing the risks associated with interest rate moves as well as ensuring that the deposits banks accept to fund lending are always reasonably matched with income or holdings that could be used to meet withdrawals. The Reserve Bank of India's guidelines of 2018 advising banks to create an Investment Fluctuation Reserve is just the kind of countercyclical tool that has relatively insulated Indian lenders from interest rate risks. Still, the RBI must remain on guard to ensure neither global contagion nor management missteps threaten any local lender.

Sharp divides

AUKUS pact should serve as a deterrent, not exacerbate conflict

The joint appearance by the leaders of the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia, at the Naval Base Point Loma, U.S., this week, and their detailing about their "AUKUS" trilateral defence pact are significant in optics and substance, suggesting a new chapter in the global great power rivalry. There will be three phases in the agreement in the Indo-Pacific region, first announced in September 2021. Beginning this year, the U.S. and the U.K. navies will embed Australian personnel, and increase port visits to Australia to train together. In the second phase, U.S. and U.K. nuclear submarines will travel rotationally to Australia, and the U.S. will sell Australia up to five nuclear-powered Virginia-class submarines. Subsequently, a new submarine called the SSN-AUKUS, will be built and used by all three navies, with interoperable workings. The deal, the biggest for Australia, using British design and U.S. technology, is expected to cost $368 billion. It is not hard to imagine who the target of such an alliance is. In his speech, U.K. leader Rishi Sunak said that the most recent challenges to the world have come from "Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine, China's growing assertiveness [and] the destabilising behaviour of Iran and North Korea". The new alliance is seen as a counter to China exerting its claims on Taiwan, with the idea that a naval fleet including nuclear-powered submarines based in Australia would be able to reach the South China Sea quickly.

Predictably, Beijing's opposition has been the toughest – a "wrong and dangerous path" – while Russia has raised questions over nuclear proliferation, as Australia would join a group of countries that use nuclear-powered submarines. While U.S. President Joe Biden insisted the submarines would be nuclear-powered, but not nuclear-armed, Russia and China are expected to raise concerns over any violation of the Non Proliferation Treaty regime, at a meet between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow. New Zealand, Malaysia and Indonesia have indicated more muted discomfort. India has not reacted yet, in part due to the fact that the AUKUS countries have no doubt kept New Delhi briefed. For New Delhi, which has always seemed hesitant to explore more strategic and defence aspects in the Quad, AUKUS gives it a breather in the Indo-Pacific military calculus. India, as a voice for the global south, must do what it can to ensure that the announcement does not exacerbate already sharp divides between U.S.-led alliances and the Russia-China combine, and proves to be a deterrent rather than accelerating global conflict instead.

Brahmapuram as a policy game-changer for Kerala

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For over a week now we have been absorbed in news from Kerala of a fire and its aftermath at a landfill of over a 100 acres, at Brahmapuram on the outer fringes of Kochi. Though the fire was doused within a couple of days, with assistance from the Indian Navy, a haze of smoke remained. The after effects have reportedly been experienced even in the neighbouring district of Alappuzha, a tourist destination prized for its extraordinary natural beauty. In Kochi, schools had to be shut to ensure the safety of children and residents advised to wear masks and stay indoors. While the precise medical implications of burning plastic and metal are yet to be ascertained, there is speculation that there may be carcinogens in the air. All this must be disheartening for the population as may be gathered from television grabs of residents preparing to leave for areas further away in the State to escape from the stench and the toxins.

Kochi's future as a congenial home and a major tourist centre is at stake, but no one can say that its garbage crisis came as a surprise. Over a decade ago, the Kerala High Court had ordered the closing down of the city for a couple of days so that it could be cleared of garbage. At a more personal level, when the serving Chief Minister of Kerala, V.S. Achuthanandan, had called on the writer, Kamala Das Suraiyya, as she was preparing to leave for good the city that had been her home, she said that a reason for her departure was that the garbage problem in Kochi was unbearable. Finally, even when he had been the State Chief Minister, A.K. Antony had pointed out that while the effort to keep Kerala clean with an eye on the revenue from tourism may be laudable, we needed to be motivated by the desire to keep our home clean for our own well-being.

What Brahmapuram shows

At the heart of the problem being faced at Brahmapuram is the failure to see that economic growth, and thus consumption, is limited by Nature's capacity to supply the 'goods and services' we all rely on. This has defined our treatment of the earth. The practice is manifest at two levels – at the level of public policy, which is the domain of the government, and of the public itself. Only a response from both these sections in Kerala can result in a lasting solution.

First, public policy. The approach of the managers of the State may be seen in the speech given by the State Chief Minister, Pinarayi Vijayan, during the welcome extended to a visiting Nobel Laureate in Economics last week. The Chief Minister spoke of how public policy in Kerala had enabled an improved standard of living for the majority of the population. This is incontestable. But, ironically, Mr. Vijayan was speaking at the time when Brahmapuram was smouldering.

> A government machinery attuned to delivering private goods must be re-directed to building public goods, including waste management

The natural environment has never been a part of the official discourse in Kerala even as there has been signs of its degradation for some time now. Instead, the focus has been on what may be termed distributivism or the distribution of goods, services and cash by the State. The meta narrative seems to be that the public are entitled to these goods, and the government's principal duty is to respond to this. Kerala may have over-reached itself with its distributivism, which has meant that limited public funds have been spread thin.

Consider this. If you move to cash transfers before you have well-provisioned public health and education, the quality of the latter would be sub par. This extends to all the services that only the State can provide. It has long been recognised that poorly-funded and badly-managed public services, including power supply and transportation, with prices not aligned with costs, means that the utilities will not only run into financial ruin but also hold back the generation of income elsewhere in the economy due to unreliable services.

Now, Brahmapuram has shown that poor public services in the form of waste management can induce deep insecurity among the public. However, from the point of view of the environment, the failure has also been the ineffective regulation of harmful human activity. Kochi's current predicament is not unique. All over Kerala, there is no arrangement in place for the scientific disposal of garbage, and the government machinery appears to be unconcerned and incapable. It is just that the crisis emerged first, and in an extreme form, in a city with high consumption levels and poorly-managed infrastructure.

Which way for public policy

The direction in which public policy in Kerala must now re-orient itself is clear. The first is specific to the crisis at Brahmapuram. That the situation must be brought under control immediately goes without saying, but it would be unfortunate to treat it as a fire-fighting exercise. There must be a determination to avoid a similar incident in the future. This would involve the following.

Responsibility for the scientific treatment of garbage at the site must be fixed with the Kochi Municipal Corporation, given its proximity to the action. Garbage segregation by households must become a condition in order for a person to reside in the city. Adequate funding for garbage clearance would have to be ensured. This may require revisiting the municipal taxes levied on property ownership and the user rates for municipal services. Finally, there must be a periodic independent review of the functioning of the site, and the assessment made public. Once the specific case of Brahmapuram is resolved, public policy in Kerala must pivot towards conservation of natural capital, the central aspect of which would be to ensure that the carrying capacity of the earth is recognised.

The Narendra Modi government, bent on leaving a mark before the general election of 2024, has shown scant regard for the consequence of building elevated highways in a geography with laterite presence, vulnerable to subsidence induced by heavy concrete structures. For the State government, on the other hand, to press on with its high-speed SilverLine rail project after the disaster at Kochi would be rather like fiddling after the city burned. The government's 'Make in Kerala' is a much delayed and welcome recognition that public policy must go beyond distributivism and actually encourage production, which alone can provide employment to the population. But Brahmapuram has flagged an ecological aspect of life in Kerala which should now take priority over all else. A government machinery attuned to delivering private goods must be re-directed to building public goods, of which waste management is among the most important.

People must have a stake

But leaving any part of the responsibility to politicians or persisting with a complacent discourse on Kerala would be to evade the issue. Starting with economists, public commentators close to the establishment have propagated the idea that Kerala's development path, characterised by the public provision of health and education, is ideal. Not only has the natural environment been kept out of the assessment but this also gives the impression that the public have no responsibility for their own condition.

As Kerala is almost continuously inhabited, all transportation channels, be it road or rail, are littered with refuse on either side. It reflects the general attitude that 'clearing up after me is, somehow, someone's else's responsibility'. This combined with conspicuous consumption is what has inevitably led to Brahmapuram. It is only by consuming less and disposing of the waste in a responsible manner that we can avert the repetition of a similar disaster. If we continue to act as if we are entitled to nature's indulgence, we stand to lose our home.

China, India and the promise of the power of two

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The year 2023 marks a high point in India's diplomacy, with its presidentship of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and the G-20. The focus is also on China which held "two sessions" recently: the annual sessions of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China and the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. Here are some insights into China's development.

China is advancing modernisation on all fronts. Here, the path to modernisation is based on China's practices with a focus on high-quality development. It means the modernisation of a huge population, where there is common prosperity for all, material and cultural-ethical advancement, harmony between humanity and nature, and peaceful development. This will spell new opportunities to all countries in the world, especially neighbouring countries.

As two neighbouring and ancient civilisations, with a combined population of 2.8 billion, China and India are representatives of developing countries and emerging economies. India and China are both in the process of national rejuvenation and a crucial period of modernisation where challenges need to be overcome and problems need to be solved. China and India have far more common interests than differences.

China's focus areas

The development of China in recent years can be summarised in four points.

The first is "steady growth". In 2022, China's economy grew by 3% with a total of 12.06 million urban jobs added. China's GDP increased to 121 trillion yuan (approximately $18 trillion), registering an annual growth rate of 5.2% over the past five years and an annual growth of 6.2% over the past decade with GDP increasing by nearly 70 trillion yuan. China's economic strength is steadily reaching new heights.

> China is willing to partner India on the path to modernisation, shaping the future of Asia and beyond

The second is "people's well-being". As a result of continued efforts of the past eight years, China has historically resolved absolute poverty, with the alleviation of close to 100 million rural residents from poverty. Over 70% of the government's expenditure went toward ensuring people's well-being. Basic old age insurance covers 1.05 billion people, an increase of 140 million. Living standards continue to witness new improvements.

The third is "opening up". In 2022, China's total volume of trade in goods exceeded 40 trillion yuan, registering an annual growth rate of 8.6%. China's actual use of foreign capital was up by 8% and the country remained one of the top destinations for foreign investors. The overall tariff level continues to fall, from 9.8% to 7.4%. China's doors to the outside world are opening even wider.

The fourth is "win-win cooperation". In the period 2013-2021, China's contribution to global economic growth averaged 38.6%, higher than that of G7 countries combined (25.7%). Ever since the Chinese President, Xi Jinping, proposed the Global Development Initiative (GDI) in a speech at the United Nations General Assembly in 2021, more than 100 countries have expressed their support and over 60 countries have joined the Group of Friends of the GDI.

On trade

China and India are important trading partners, with bilateral trade volume reaching $135.984 billion in 2022. Though there is a trade deficit, India's import of equipment and materials from China does reduce the overall cost of "Made-in-India" products, benefits Indian downstream industries and consumers, enhances the competitiveness of Indian exports, and in turn facilitates India's integration into global industrial and supply chains.

The Chinese market is open to India, and the Chinese side is happy to see more high-quality Indian goods, cultural and other products entering the Chinese market. Investments by Chinese enterprises have created a large number of jobs for the Indian people and contributed to India's economic development. We hope that the Indian side could provide a fair, just and non-discriminatory business environment for Chinese companies with their investment and operations in India.

Facilitating an 'Asian Century'

In his recent meeting with India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang said that the development and revitalisation of China and India embody a boost to the force of developing countries; it is one that will change the destiny of a third of the world's population and having bearing on the future of Asia and beyond. This echoes what Mr. Jaishankar had expressed in 2022 – that the Asian Century will happen when China and India come together.

China is willing to strengthen communication and coordination with India, be a partner on the path to modernisation, safeguard the respective legitimate rights and the common interests of developing countries, and make contributions to peace and stability in the region and beyond.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parliament disruption

For the third consecutive day, both Houses of Parliament have been disrupted over the Congress leader, Rahul Gandhi's remarks abroad that 'Indian democracy is in peril'. In its annual report on global political rights and liberties, the U.S.-based non-profit Freedom House has downgraded India from a free democracy to a "partially free democracy"; the Sweden-based V-Dem Institute says India has become an "electoral autocracy", and India, described as a "flawed democracy", has slipped to 53rd place in the latest Democracy Index published by The Economist Intelligence Unit. The backsliding of democracy is linked to the political changes after 2014. Then how can one say that the political leader in question has been insulting the country when the world is already in the know of things?

S.K. Khosla,
Chandigarh

It is unfortunate that the disruptions without space for any business have become the order of the day for Parliament, the difference now being continuous adjournments induced by the Treasury benches. The ruling party may want the Opposition Member to apologise but it should express its displeasure by using other platforms and not by disrupting the House. There are important issues of public interest awaiting the attention of the legislature. Both parties must prioritise issues of national interest over political mileage.

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Seeking a lifeline

I wish to highlight my traumatic experience after calling some free emotional crisis intervention, suicide prevention and counselling helplines. I had traumatic experiences with almost all these helplines, and wish to write about one service in particular. These helplines can certainly help play a very important role in saving a person's life. But it does not give the right to some of the staff to make it a humiliating experience for the caller. I wonder whether there is any accountability, feedback and grievance redress mechanism. Some 'trained counsellors' appear to be arrogant, judgemental, do not have control over their emotions, and even put the receiver down in frustration. They must remember that there is an emotionally traumatised and distressed caller at the other end of the line. In my experience, I found the counsellors to be projecting their inadequacies onto the caller, judging, accusing, labelling and invalidating the experiences and feelings of the caller in the name of counselling. In a day and age when mental health is still stigmatised, such an attitude can destroy the hope and the trust of an emotionally distressed caller from ever seeking help. There needs to be an investigative report on the state of services provided by these helplines.

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A sustainable model for women's leadership

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Today the world is home to a transformative generation of 900 million adolescent girls and young women poised to shape the future of work and growth. If this cohort of young women could be equipped with the right resources and opportunities to nurture the 21st century skills, they would become the largest segment of women leaders, change-makers, entrepreneurs, and innovators in history.

Given the many socio-economic barriers that adolescent girls confront from their earliest years, we believe that the work to cultivate their agency – for education systems to expose them to new age skill sets, critical thinking, and leadership qualities – must begin early.

India, home to one of the largest generations of girls and young women, has undertaken wide-ranging initiatives across the critical domains of education, health, digital and financial inclusion, leadership building, and have established feasible frameworks to help in the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 5, which envisions the world to be a more gender equal place by 2030.

To unleash the gender dividend and create conditions for female leadership to flourish, women at all levels of society must have inclusion in the Information and Communications Technology (ICT), bodily autonomy and safety, shared responsibility within the household, and equal participation in decision-making spaces.

Scaling EdTech solutions

As access to digital technology increasingly becomes an arena of opportunity and basic service for children and young people, EdTech gives us tools to bridge part of the accessibility gap in education through hybrid learning models, even where girls' access to schooling is restricted by harmful norms. Building and scaling up solutions customised to the language, cultural nuances, and Internet accessibility of individual communities can give girls equal access to knowledge through digital inclusion.

The World Bank notes that over 43% of Indian STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) graduates are women. However, not all of them are represented in the workforce and tech leadership. Although STEM education among girls appears to have picked up pace over the years, there are prevailing stereotypes that characterise it as a traditionally masculine domain.

Gender norms that disproportionately allocate domestic and care responsibilities to women, representation of men as leaders of STEM, finance, and entrepreneurial fields in the public perception, and institutional mechanisms (inadequate maternity leave, few flexible work arrangements, lack of childcare facilities in the workplace) are some of the barriers that explain why increased women's representation in STEM education does not translate into work participation.

Actively countering these stereotypes calls for the inclusion of grade-appropriate STEM, financial education, and entrepreneurship syllabi into the educational curriculum for girls. Introducing elements such as Olympiads, innovation labs, bootcamps and competitions can expose girls to practical applications and inspire them to build solutions to challenges in their ecosystem.

Women need to be empowered to make decisions about their bodies, such as whether to have sexual relations or not, when to initiate sexual relations, to use contraceptives or not, and to seek health care when needed. They also need to be free from all forms of violence and harassment. These basic conditions are critical to enable women and young girls to chart the trajectory of their personal and professional lives.

Sporting activities are synonymous with promoting leadership, self-sufficiency, and teamwork. The inclusion of adolescent girls and young women in sports can go a long way in building their self-confidence, strengthening self-belief, and imparting the nuances of teamwork. Initiatives such as the National Sports Policy, as well as inclusion programmes for children from vulnerable communities have seen remarkable success.

Redistribute care work

From domestic chores to caring for loved ones, the backbone of thriving families, communities and economies largely falls on women. It increases in times of crisis such as the COVID-19 pandemic, that starkly brought out women's disproportionate care burden. In India, this was exacerbated owing to socio-cultural norms that relegate women to unpaid reproductive labour.

It is crucial for us to recognise, reduce and redistribute unpaid care and domestic work, so that women may enjoy economic opportunities and outcomes on an equal footing to men. Policies that provide services, social protection and basic infrastructure, promote sharing of domestic and care work between men and women, and create more paid jobs in the care economy, are urgently needed to accelerate progress on women's economic empowerment.

A multi-pronged approach across enhancing employability, sport for leadership, digital innovations and learning, and bodily autonomy is the key to strengthening leadership abilities among adolescent girls and young women.

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Nurturing girls' leadership abilities is our collective first step towards breaking down restrictive gender norms and barriers for truly gender transformative growth and accelerating girl-and-women-led progress across the Sustainable Development Goals for India and the world.

Raj Bhavan vs Pragati Bhavan

The Telangana government moves the Supreme Court against the Governor

STATE OF PLAY

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The gap between Raj Bhavan and Pragati Bhavan, the official residence-cum-camp office of Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, continues to widen as both sides remain unrelenting on their respective stances.

Differences between Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan and Mr. Rao came to the fore yet again after the State government moved the Supreme Court, alleging that the inordinate delays in giving assent to important Bills by the Governor is leading to a constitutional impasse and also obstructing Bills passed by both Houses of the legislature in the larger public interest.

Going by her response the next day, the Governor appeared unfazed by the State Government's move.

The Governor took to Twitter to indirectly respond to the Government's gesture, claiming that Raj Bhavan was nearer than New Delhi (where the Supreme Court is located) and friendly official visits and interactions would have been more helpful.

She questioned the intentions of the Telangana Chief Secretary A. Santhi Kumari in not calling on her since assuming the top office.

"Assuming office as the CS, you didn't find time to visit Raj Bhavan. No protocol. No courtesy even for a courtesy call," the Governor tweeted.

The rift between Raj Bhavan and Pragati Bhavan started with the State government's decision to nominate P. Kaushik Reddy to the Legislative Council in the Governor's quota. But Dr. Tamilisai held

back a resolution referred to her by the State Cabinet on the ground that she needed more time to study the proposal. The Governor justified her stand asserting that she was taking time and it was within her rights. Coupled with this was the Governor's move to hold Praja Darbar, where she listens to the grievances of the people and refers them to the appropriate department for redressal.

'Deliberate withholding'

The twin developments created fissures between the State government and Raj Bhavan to such an extent that the government had charged the Governor with deliberately withholding important Bills without giving her assent to them so that they could become legislations.

During the Budget session, there appeared to be a patch-up when Dr. Tamilisai was invited to deliver the traditional address to the joint sitting of the legislature.

But mending of ties remained elusive going by the manner in which the State government filed a petition in the apex court seeking its intervention in directing the institution of the Governor to expeditiously give her assent to the pending Bills, so that they could be implemented in letter and spirit.

The Government, in its petition in the Supreme Court, quoted Article 200 of the Constitution mandating the Governor to give assent or withhold the assent, in which case the Bill should be returned together with the message requesting that the Houses reconsider the Bill for any specified provision and would consider the desirability of introducing any such amendments as it might recommend in the message.

The Government also cited Article 163 by which the Governor was required to exercise her functions or any of them in her discretion only on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers with the Chief Minister as its head.

"The Governor is not expected to act independently and this position has been made amply clear by the Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court in *Shamsher Singh vs State of Punjab (1974)*", the Government said.

The Government, on its part, is apparently miffed over the Governor trying to act independently, even though the Constitution did not permit that. The Constitution did not envisage providing parallel administration within the State by allowing the Governor to go against the advice of the Council of Ministers.

Retired bureaucrat R.S. Praveen Kumar aptly summed up the situation saying: "Never in my known memory, have IAS officers been so badly sandwiched between two Bhavans. The Raj Bhavan is inviting and the Pragati Bhavan is insulting."

He lamented the fact that the people were suffering on account of the persisting differences.

Given the attempts for one-upmanship between the two Constitutional offices, it is time they resolve their differences and rather focus on the public good at large.

Friction over formula: why some States get more from Centre

With population given a higher weightage over performance, the revenue-sharing formula has created friction between States and the Centre

DATA POINT

Jasmin Nihalani

For every one rupee that Tamil Nadu gives the Centre, it gets back 29 paise. On the other hand, Uttar Pradesh gets ₹2.73, and Bihar gets back ₹7.06, as shown in **Chart 1**.

The Centre's tax collections are pooled-in from States and a part of it is distributed among them, based on the Finance Commission's (FC) formula. The Fifteenth Finance Commission's (XVFC) formula is skewed in favour of some States, resulting in wide inter-State variations. As population is given a higher weightage, it tilts the balance in favour of some northern States. This has been a bone of contention between the Centre and the affected States.

Tamil Nadu's Finance Minister P.T.R. Palanivel Thiagarajan, in a discussion with Congress leader Shashi Tharoor, said, "The notion to allocate funds based on the population, it rewards those who have not been able to achieve population control."

The Centre, on the other hand, has been defensive. In an event in Chennai, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said, "If every State thinks I am giving so much, I should get so much, it's just not going to work out... Will a country prosper if it constantly draws this artificial line?"

The XVFC had arrived at the States' share in the divisible pool of taxes based on each State's needs (population, area and forest and ecology), equity (per capita income difference) and performance (own tax revenue and lower fertility rate). The weight assigned to needs was 40%, equity 45%, and 15% for performance. This formula meant that Uttar Pradesh and Bihar got 17.9% and 10%, respectively in the XVFC. Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu got 3.65%, 1.93% and 4.08%, respectively. **Chart 2** shows that in successive FCs, the share of southern States has seen a consistent decline.

Notably, the XVFC introduced the fertility rate in the formula to reward States which had reduced the fertility levels. While this does favour the developed States which have pushed their TFR below replacement rate as shown in **chart 3**, the weightage given to the component is relatively lower than equity and need.

M. Govinda Rao, a member of the 14th Finance Commission, defended the formula. "The objective is not to return the money you get from a State. Transfers enable a State to provide comparable levels of services. The basic rationale is horizontal equity. Taxes accrued to Tamil Nadu are not necessarily from the State. Yes, per capita income levels increased substantially in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Now, the increase need not necessarily have to do only with the States' efforts."

A senior economist from Tamil Nadu differed. "The southern States have grown faster, and contribute larger revenue to the central kitty. We don't say that if U.P. gets one rupee for every 10 paise it contributes, Tamil Nadu should also get the same. We are not against equity but that should not adversely impact our efficiency. So, if developing States are not incentivised to generate more tax revenue, how will the Centre then redistribute it?"

Moreover, in the discussion with Mr. Tharoor, Mr. Thiagarajan argues that he is "concerned about what happens to all the money that goes to poorer States. Why is it not leading to development? It's not the money that we begrudge, it's the lack of progress, it's like throwing money down the well."

Chart 4 (State-wise Human Development Index) and **chart 5** (State-wise per capita NSDP) depicts this trend where States which get more money from the Centre show sedate growth, and the progress of those who get less is relatively much superior.

What goes around, comes around?

The data for charts were sourced from Lok Sabha, the Ministry of Finance, the Reserve Bank of India, the National Family Health Survey, Budget documents and the Global Data Lab

Chart 1: The chart shows the amount in ₹ each State got for every rupee they contributed to Central taxes in 2021-22. Customs and union excise duties have not been considered in the calculation as State-wise data is not maintained

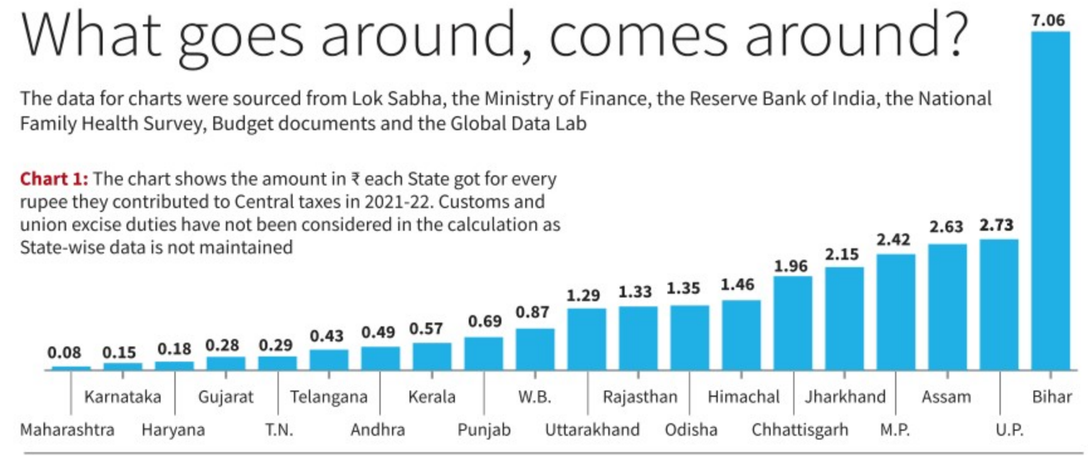


Chart 2: The chart shows the share of select States in shareable taxes during the past six Finance Commissions (FC)

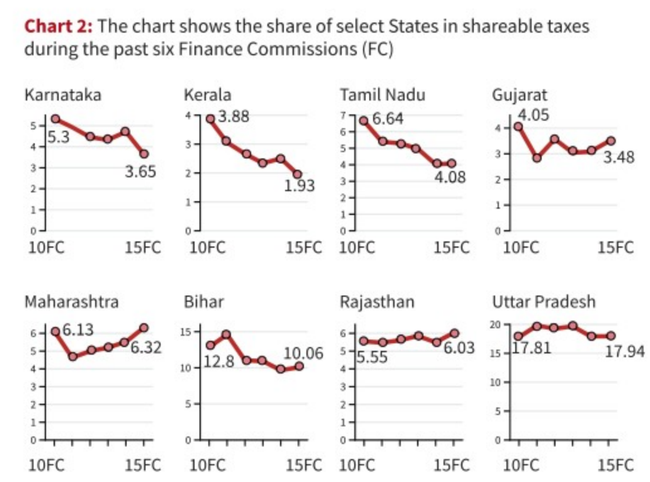


Chart 3: Total fertility rate (avg. number of children per woman) in select States

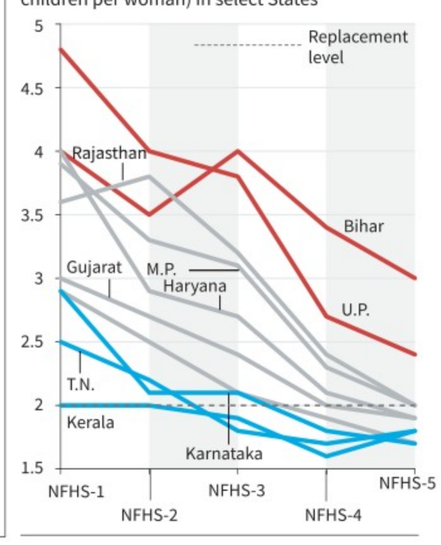


Chart 4: The chart shows the Human Development Index scores of select States in the past three decades

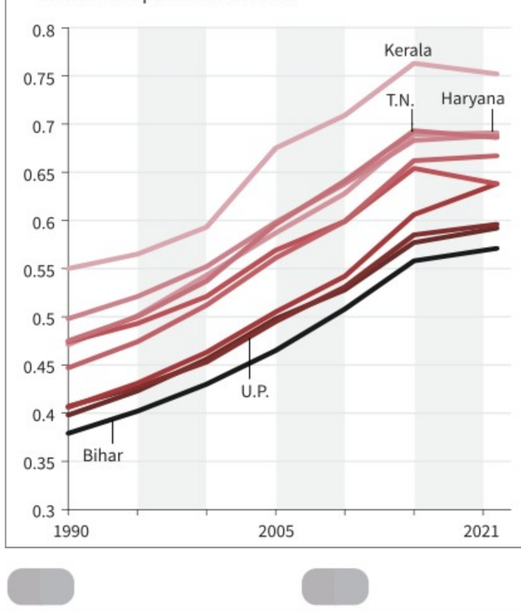
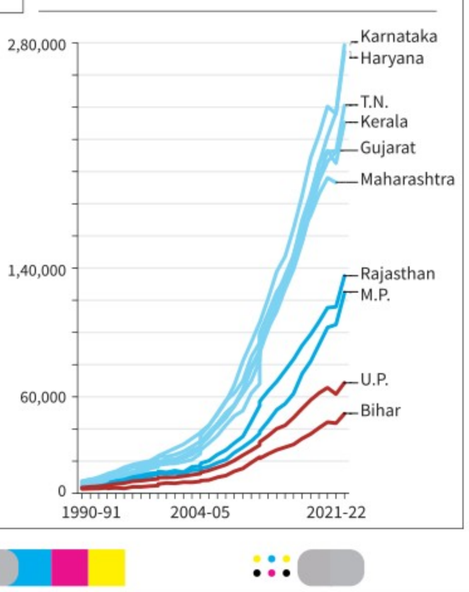


Chart 5: The chart shows the per-capita Net State Domestic Product at current prices (NSDP) for select States over the years



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FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO MARCH 16, 1973

New method to cure oral cancer

Madras, March 15: A new method to cure oral cancer through transplanting tissues evolved in the Government Royapettah Hospital, Madras was unique in the world, Dr. H. Voigt, an international cancer expert from Germany, told a press conference here to-day. Dr. Voigt said that he visited the hospital to-day and was shown several interesting cases of oral cancer by the Superintendent, Dr. M. Narayanan, who had used surgery to deal with oral cancer. Dr. Voigt pointed out that surgery was the "number one weapon" to fight cancer, particularly oral cancer, when the disease can be localised. He felt that it should be possible to cure about 30 to 40 per cent of such cases provided it was detected sufficiently early. Tumours as such in the body might not cause any harm but when they become malignant and spread over the entire human body and acted independently, mere surgery was not of great help. While in certain cases of localised cancer, radium therapy might help, it was no use when the cancer spread all over the body, the expert said. Dr. Voigt, who was visiting India for the second time, met leading cancer specialists in the city and discussed the latest advances in cancer therapy. He said in India, incidence of oral cancer was 20 per cent.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO MARCH 16, 1923

Price of salt in Pudukotah

Pudukotah, Mar. 14: The announcement by the Finance Minister of the Government of India to double the duty on salt has made that commodity dearer in price. Under a convention, entered into by the Pudukotah Durbar in 1887 with the Government of Madras, the manufacture of earth salt in Pudukotah has been suppressed since in return for an annual subsidy paid by the latter to the State for Rs. 38,000 as compensation. The proposed increase has made salt sell at six Madras measures a rupee in the local market when according to the recent Administration Report of the State, salt was obtainable at "20 Madras seers per rupee". It is understood that the State officials are awaiting the result of the debate that will be raised in the Indian Legislatures on the increase and then move in the direction of getting relief in the matter.

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Exports fall 8.8%, trade deficit shrinks over 7%

For the first 11 months of 2022-23, India's total goods exports now stand at $405.94 billion, 7.55% higher than in the corresponding period of 2021-22. Imports have grown 18.82% over the corresponding period to $653.47 billion from about $550 billion a year ago. Consequently, India's goods trade deficit for this year is now 43.5% higher than in the first 11 months of 2021-22, at $247.53 billion.

"Imports have been coming down month by month as has the trade deficit, which shows that efforts led by the Commerce and Industry Minister to bring down inessential imports are bearing fruit," said Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal.

On the exports front, despite the dip, India has "kept the momentum" and will "exceed the year's target", he said, referring to a $750 billion goalpost for goods and services exports in 2022-23.

Though the moderation in trade deficit is a positive, Ms. Rajani Sinha pointed out that this is mainly due to lower imports amid softening commodity prices. "In the months to come... export slowdown is likely to aggravate further amid uncertain global scenario," she reckoned.

While the government had initially estimated a 6.6% drop in exports for January, the month's exports have now been revised upward to $35.76 billion, reflecting a 1.5% rise from January 2022 levels. Import numbers for January have also been upgraded from $50.66 billion to $52.33 billion.

On a sequential basis, February's exports were 5.25% lower than January while the import bill was about 2% below the previous month's level. "Some employment-intensive sectors have been impacted due to contraction in demand, with rising inflation and increasing recession in some of the markets. However, we expect them to recover in the next few months," said Federation of Indian Exporters' Organisations president A. Sakthivel.

Governors cannot trigger fall of a govt.: SC

The court questioned the version of the Governor's office, represented by Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, that there was a serious difference of opinion in the Shiv Sena between the Shinde faction and the Thackeray camp. The Shinde camp had felt that Mr. Thackeray had cheated the party's core ideology by joining hands with the Congress and the Nationalist Congress Party to form the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi coalition.

"They [Shinde group] had a remedy then... They could have voted their leader out. But can the Governor say there is dissension about certain aspects of the leadership and a trust vote is called for? Can the Governor, I ask again, use his powers to precipitate the fall of an elected government? This is very, very serious for our democracy," Chief Justice Chandrachud observed.

Mr. Mehta said the majority in the Shiv Sena had found the leadership joining hands with ideologically non-aligned parties a "sad spectacle".

"But then you cohabited with them for three whole years... What happened after three years of happy marriage that made you suddenly unhappy overnight? Many of them were Ministers in the alliance... You enjoy the spoils and suddenly you wake up, is that it? The fact that the conduct of a government has gone against the core ideology of a party is not a ground for calling of a trust vote by the Governor," Chief Justice Chandrachud noted.

Eric Garcetti set to be U.S. Ambassador to India

Press Trust of India
WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden's close aide Eric Garcetti is set to be confirmed as United States Ambassador to India after the Senate on Wednesday voted on the cloture motion limiting debate on his nomination, reflecting that the ruling Democratic Party has enough votes for his selection for the key post. The motion was passed by 52 to 42 votes.

The former Los Angeles Mayor's nomination was pending before Congress since July 2021 when he was nominated for the posting by Mr. Biden.

A cloture motion is a procedural motion that limits further debate on the matter at hand. It allows the majority to defeat efforts by the minority to delay or obstruct proceedings by showing the matter has the support of a super-majority.

Foreign lawyers, firms can operate in India, says BCI

The rules allowing the registration of foreign lawyers and firms with BCI will make India a hub for international commercial arbitration and address concerns about FDI flow, says the body

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bar Council of India (BCI) has opened up law practice in India to foreign lawyers and law firms.

The BCI, a statutory body governing legal practice in India, has framed the 'Bar Council of India Rules for Registration of Foreign Lawyers and Foreign Law Firms in India, 2021' to enable foreign lawyers and law firms "to practise foreign law, diverse international law and international arbitration matters in India on the principle of reciprocity in a well-defined, regulated and controlled manner".

The BCI said that the move would benefit Indian lawyers, whose standards of proficiency in law are comparable to the international standards.

Legal point: Foreign lawyers and firms will not be entitled to practise law in India without registration with the BCI.

"The legal fraternity in India is not likely to suffer any disadvantage in case law practice in India is opened up to foreign lawyers in a restricted and well-controlled and regulated manner on the principle of reciprocity as it would be mutually beneficial for lawyers from India and abroad, and these rules are an attempt by Bar Council of India in this direction," the BCI notification said.

It said that the rules would also help to address the concerns expressed about the flow of Foreign Direct Investment into the country and would help make India a hub for international commercial arbitration. The rules prescribe that foreign lawyers and firms would not be entitled to practise law in India without registration with the BCI.

'Fly in and fly out'

This restriction, however, would not apply to law practice by a foreign lawyer or foreign law firm on a 'fly in and fly out basis' for the purpose of giving legal advice to a client in India. However, in such a case, the lawyer or firm cannot have an office in India, and their practice cannot exceed 60 days in any 12-month period.

A primary qualification required from them is a certificate from the competent authority of their country that they are entitled to practise law in that country.

SC to hear U.P. local bodies quota case on March 24

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Uttar Pradesh government on Wednesday informed the Supreme Court that the State Local Bodies Dedicated Backward Classes Commission has completed its "contemporaneous rigorous empirical investigation" to identify backward classes who deserve political representation in local bodies.

Making an urgent mentioning before a Bench led by Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, for Uttar Pradesh, said the report of the commission was ready, and sought an early hearing of the case. The CJI agreed to take up the case on March 24, noting it concerned a serious issue.

On January 4, the SC stayed an Allahabad HC direction to Uttar Pradesh to hold local body elections without reservation for Other Backward Classes.

Power utilities' Trust seeks EPFO nod for higher pension

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

With a view to making employees and a section of retired employees of the State power utilities in Maharashtra eligible for higher Provident Fund (PF) pension, the MSEB (Maharashtra State Electricity Board) Contributory Provident Fund Trust has sought permission of the PF authorities with retrospective effect for exercising joint option under paragraph 26 (6) of the Employees PF Scheme.

This had been done as it was mandatory for applicants of higher PF pension to upload the document pertaining to the permission under para 26(6) while submitting their option online.

The para 26 (6) pertains to the authorities' nod, based on an option jointly given by employee-employer, for enrolling an employee as a member of the EPF Scheme or allowing the PF contributions more than the statutory ceiling in respect of the employee concerned and providing such an employee with the entitlement to benefits.

Last date

The power utilities in question are the Maharashtra State Power Generation Company, Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company, Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company and Maharashtra State Electricity Board Holding Company.

Mentioning that the last date for submission of the option online for higher pension was May 3, the Trust advised prospective applicants to upload a copy of the letter, as acknowledged by the EPFO, while submitting their options.

Land-for-job controversy: Delhi court grants bail to Lalu Prasad, Rabri Devi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Wednesday granted bail to former Union Minister Lalu Prasad, his wife and former Bihar Chief Minister Rabri Devi, and 14 others in connection with a case related to the alleged land-for-job scam. The court noted that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had filed the chargesheet without arrest.

The bail was granted to the accused by Special Judge (Rouse Avenue Court) Geetanjali Goel. The accused, who were earlier summoned by the court, have been directed to furnish a personal bond of ₹50,000 and a like amount as surety.

While summoning the accused, including Mr. Prasad's daughter Misa Bharti, the court maintained that *prima facie*, it had been observed that there was commission of offences under Sections 120-B, 420, 467, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 (2), 13 (1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Sharing happiness: Bihar RJD president Jagdanand Singh (left) taking part in the celebrations as Lalu Prasad gets bail. ANI

In May last year, the agency had carried out searches in Delhi and Bihar after registering the case against Mr. Prasad and others, alleging that the appointment of several substitutes to the Railways' Group-D posts were made in lieu of land parcels. The case was made on the basis of a preliminary enquiry initiated to examine the allegation that during 2004-09 many ineligible candidates were appointed as substitutes. The beneficiaries were later regularised.

'Centre may consult CMs on Governor appointments'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union government on Wednesday informed the Rajya Sabha that the practice of appointing Governors in consultation with the Chief Minister may be followed as a matter of convention.

Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI-M] member John Brittas had asked whether the government would consider the proposal given in Justice R.S. Sarkaria Commission Report that Governors should be appointed after consultation with the Chief Minister of the respective States.

Responding to the questions, Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said, "The government is of the view that the practice of consultation with State Chief Minister may be followed as a matter of convention."

NCBC works with just two appointees: Centre in RS

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union government on Wednesday said that it had appointed just a chairperson and one member to the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC). The Centre was replying to a Rajya Sabha question, asking why the commission was yet to have a vice-chairperson and members.

The current Chairperson, Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, was appointed in November 2022.

In response to the question from Tamil Nadu MP Anbumani Ramadoss, the Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, A. Narayanaswamy, said that in addition to Mr. Ahir, one member had been appointed: Bhuvan Bhushan Kamal. "They are appointed as per provisions of Article 338-B of the Constitution," he added.

However, Article 338-B of the Constitution allows NCBC to have a chair, vice-chair and three other members.

436 CAPF personnel end life in 3 years; task force formed

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry informed the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday that it has set up a task force to suggest remedial measures for prevention of suicides and fratricides in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF).

As many as 436 CAPF personnel died by suicide in the past three years.

Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha that a task force has been set up to identify relevant risk factors as well as risk groups and suggest remedial measures for prevention of suicides and fratricides in CAPFs – Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Border Security Force (BSF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), National Security Guard (NSG) and Assam Rifles – and the report of the task force is under preparation.

A total of 135 personnel committed suicide in 2022, 157 in 2021 and 144 in 2020, he said.

It will identify relevant risk factors as well as risk groups to suggest remedial measures.

In a separate reply, the Minister informed the House that currently there are 84,866 vacancies in the CAPFs. "Vacancies in CAPFs arise on account of retirements, resignation, promotion, death, raising of Battalion, creation of new posts etc," the written reply said.

It added that there were 247 positions for doctors that were lying vacant and the number of unfilled posts for nurses and other medical professionals stood at 2,354.

Railways' video surveillance system project stumped by lack of security clearance

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

After facing hurdles in the implementation of CCTV surveillance systems at major railway stations across the country, the Ministry of Railways has flagged a critical cybersafety issue involving national security with the NITI Aayog.

As part of enhanced security measures, the Railways is implementing a video surveillance system at hundreds of stations in a phased manner.

The project is being financed through the Nirbhaya Fund controlled by the Ministry of Women & Child Development.

Though funds were sanctioned and tenders finalised, there has been an inordinate delay in commencing the work since the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) of the surveillance cameras are reluctant to get cybersecurity testing done by the Standardisation Testing & Quality Certification (STQC) Directorate, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

The insistence on clearance is to rule out vulnerabilities from OEMs outside India.

Despite constant reminders and follow-up by the Ministry of Railways with the service providers after the contract agreements were placed, not a single camera manufacturer got cybersecurity clearance from the STQC Directorate, sources in the railways told *The Hindu*.

Mandatory audit

In a meeting convened by NITI Aayog on July 30, 2019, involving top officials of the Ministry of Railways, Research Designs & Standard Organisaton, RailTel Corporation of India Ltd. etc., it was decided to make security auditing and testing mandatory for data protection.

To ensure the security of the camera and network from vulnerabilities and breaches and discourage false undertaking from OEMs, it was decided that security auditing and testing be carried out by reputed agencies like CERT-IN or STQC at the time of Proof of Concept (POC) as well as at the time of completion of project.

"In case any security breach is found in the system at any stage, including at POC level, the contract should be terminated. The source code of the camera software should be taken from the supplier/OEM. If these conditions are fulfilled, the country of origin of the cameras is immaterial," the official said. The official said the purpose of insisting on the cyber security clearance was to rule out vulnerabilities as many OEMs are based outside India.

Current procedure for inclusion on ST list adequate: govt.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Both the procedure and criteria had been strongly criticised by an internal govt. task force formed in 2014

The Tribal Affairs Ministry on Wednesday insisted once again that the current procedure for inclusion of communities on the Scheduled Tribes list was "adequate". It was responding to a question in the Rajya Sabha, which raised concern about the need for a revision in the criteria and procedure for inclusion on the list.

According to the modalities for inclusion first framed in 1999, the proposal for inclusion must originate from the respective State or Union Territory government.

Following this, the proposal is sent to the Union Tribal Affairs Ministry, which sends it to the Office of the Registrar General of India (ORGI). If the ORGI approves the inclusion, the proposal is forwarded to the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes.

Only after the concurrence of these institutions, will the proposal go forward to the Cabinet to bring in the appropriate amendment to the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950.

In response to an RTI query from *The Hindu*, the ORGI had said in January, 2022 that it continues to follow the criteria set out by the Lokur Committee in 1965 to decide whether a community can be included in the ST list.

These criteria include: indications of "primitive traits", distinctive culture, geographical isolation, shyness of contact with the community at large, and backwardness.

Both the procedure and criteria for inclusion of communities had been strongly criticised by an internal government task force formed in February 2014, for being "obsolete", "condescending", "dogmatic" and "rigid".

Opposition parties take out protest march

They demand that the Enforcement Directorate take up an investigation against the Adani Group; Trinamool and NCP stayed away from the march; proceedings in Parliament remained paralysed for the third day, with BJP insisting on Rahul's apology for his 'democracy under attack' comment

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

As the logjam in both Houses of Parliament continued for the third straight day on Wednesday over the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) insistence that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi apologise for his "democracy under attack" comment, leaders of least 16 Opposition parties took out a protest march to hand over a complaint to the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on the Adani Group controversy.

The march started from the main gate of Parliament at half past noon, but was stopped by the Delhi Police at Vijay Chowk, barely a few hundred metres away. Subsequently, the complaint was emailed to the ED office.

The Trinamool Congress and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) were the two prominent parties that neither signed the joint memorandum nor took part in the march.

Congress president and Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge told presspersons that when someone questioned the state of democracy in a seminar or debate, the government termed them "anti-national", but the Opposition leaders were not allowed to proceed to the ED office.

"A man who started his career with ₹1,650 crore, his net worth reached ₹13 lakh crore. Therefore, we want an inquiry. What is the relation between the Prime Minister and Adani*ji*?" Mr. Kharge said.

In the four-page letter to ED Director S.K. Mishra, Opposition leaders said that the agency "cannot turn around and abdicate its jurisdiction".

They urged the Central investigation agency to initiate a probe into the allegations of corrupt practices, including money laundering through offshore shell companies.

Opposition members marching to the ED office in New Delhi on Wednesday to file a plaint on the Adani issue. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

"This case involves serious and far-reaching charges of corporate fraud, political corruption, stock-price manipulation through fraudulent means, and the misuse/monopolisation of public resources to benefit a single corporate group," read the memorandum.

Several Opposition leaders, including Mr. Gandhi, also targeted the Narendra Modi government over a media report that claimed that an Adani Group investor, who is registered in Mauritius, is a co-owner in a defence-related firm of the Adani Group.

"India's missile & radar upgrade contract is given to a company owned by Adani & a dubious foreign entity called Elara. Who controls Elara? Why is India's national security being compromised by giving control of strategic defence equipment to unknown foreign entities?" Mr. Gandhi asked on Twitter.

Parliament disrupted

While the Opposition stepped up its aggression on the Adani issue, the BJP demanded that the former Congress chief must apologise for his comment in London that "democracy was under attack". The BJP's insistence led to disruption in both the Houses of Parliament.

As soon as the Lok Sabha assembled for the day, members of the Treasury benches raised slogans demanding an apology from Mr. Gandhi, while Opposition members trooped into the well with placards demanding a joint parliamentary committee (JPC) probe into the allegations against the Adani Group.

Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to express concern over "government-sponsored disruptions" in the House.

The Rajya Sabha too witnessed similar scenes. The Upper House adjourned for the day, three minutes after it convened for the post-lunch session, amid Treasury benches slogans that said "*Rahul Gandhi maafi maango* ".

Speaking to presspersons , Trinamool Congress' Rajya Sabha leader Derek O'Brien said, "This is the third day in a row that the BJP MPs have disrupted the Parliament proceedings on the directions of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. Why is the government so scared of Opposition voices in Parliament?"

House panel should probe Adani stock manipulation: Oppn.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Members were asked to submit a written request with evidence about the market aberrations

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance should investigate the allegations of stock manipulation by the Adani Group, members from non-BJP parties demanded at a meeting on Wednesday.

In response, committee Chairperson and BJP MP Jayant Sinha asked the members to submit a written request attaching evidence about the said "market aberrations".

The demand, according to sources, was raised by Congress MP Manish Tewari, who was backed by Saugata Roy of the Trinamool Congress, Pinaki Mishra and Amar Patnaik of the Biju Janata Dal, and Balashowry Vallabhaneni of the YSR Congress Party.

The Opposition members wanted the panel to direct representatives of the Securities and Exchange Board of India, the Reserve Bank of India and the Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs to depose in this connection.

The BJP members, said sources, however argued that the issue was already under investigation by a Supreme Court-appointed committee and therefore, a parallel investigation cannot be done by the parliamentary panel.

The Opposition members, however, countered this claim by quoting various precedents.

BJP member Ravi Shankar Prasad said the panel cannot investigate just one firm without holding similar probe into the working of others.

BJP's Muslim outreach programme begins with 'Sufi Dialogue'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The programme will end with a big meeting set to be addressed by Prime Minister Modi

A *Sufi Samvad* (Sufi Dialogue) programme was launched at the BJP headquarters here on Wednesday under the aegis of the party's minority morcha, as a means of reaching out to the Muslim community.

The year-long programmes planned by 150 non-political people will end with a big meeting set to be addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Jamal Siddiqui, president of the BJP's minority morcha, said it was the direction of Mr. Modi to reach out to the community of Sufis, who are "advocates of peace and harmony". "Mr. Modi spoke of '*sabka saath, sabka vikas*' [Together, for everyone's growth], therefore we also should have '*sabka saath*' as an important component," he said.

Yasir Jilani, media coordinator for the programme, said, "This is a great occasion where people working in *Sufi dargahs* across 30 States have gathered at the BJP headquarters, to firm up our programme for the *Sufi Samvad*. The idea of the programme is to go among the Muslim community, bring to their notice the fact that the Modi government had worked for all, irrespective of caste, creed or community, and dispel the notions set out by Opposition parties on the BJP and Mr. Modi."

Most of the programmes will be aimed at Muslim-majority areas and districts where there are up to 20% or more Muslim population. The States such as Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Kerala, Bihar and Telangana will be included in the programme.

Another programme being launched by the BJP's minority morcha is the "*sneh milan*" goodwill meeting with Muslim community members, with the slogan "one nation, one DNA".

It will start at the end of March and 12 such meetings will be held in Muslim-majority Lok Sabha constituencies.

On the draw

MP seeks contempt case against Mamata

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

CPI(M) MP Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya on Wednesday moved the Calcutta High Court seeking contempt proceedings against Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. He sought action for her comments asking the judiciary not to terminate jobs secured via the recruitment scam using illegal means.

NGOs received over ₹22,000-crore foreign funds in 2021-22: MHA

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Despite a crackdown by the Union Home Ministry under the stringent Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), non-governmental organisations (NGO) and associations received over ₹22,000 crore of foreign funds in the fiscal year 2021-22. The amount is higher than that in the previous two years.

The total amount of foreign contribution received in 2021-22 stood at ₹22,085.1 crore, compared with ₹17,058.64 crore in 2020-21 and ₹15,438.21 crore in 2019-20, as per data provided by the Ministry in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday.

Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai said in a written reply that as on March 10, FCRA registration certificate of 16,383 associations was valid, of which 14,966 associations had submitted the mandatory annual returns for 2021-22.

Responding to a question by BJP member Satish Chandra Dubey on whether the government had received many complaints regarding the use of foreign funds by the NGOs, he said, "Some complaints had been received in the past regarding misutilisation or diversion of foreign contributions by the FCRA registered associations. Such complaints are dealt as per provisions of the Act and rules made thereunder."

Stray dog attacks a public health crisis: MP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Following a spate of stray dog attacks in Hyderabad, Rajasthan and Delhi, Karti P. Chidambaram, Lok Sabha member, has shot off a letter to Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Parshottam Rupala, calling for stringent measures against what he called a public health crisis.

Mr. Chidambaram said that India's animal birth control programme has failed to meet its intended objective, leading to a ballooning number of stray dogs. Mr. Chidambaram suggested setting up of a national task force to assess best practices to deal with the attacks.

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G-14/22-23 14.03.23	Identifying agency for providing consultancy services for conducting detailed survey and preparation of vision 2030 document for KKRTC.	80.00	21.03.2023 at 15:00 hours	Short term tender
G-15/22-23 14.03.23	Supply of ETM Thermal Paper Rolls	96.28	13.04.2023 at 15:00 hours	

Scrap Materials available at the divisions and Regional Work Shop, KKRTC will be sold through e-Auction on, eproc portal of GoK. The e-Auction schedule is as under:

Sl. No.	Auction No & Date	Lots No	E-auction Notification Date	Last date to upload auction documents	Live bidding date & Time
01	KKRTC-03/ 2022-23. 14.03.2023	01 to 50	14.03.2023	18.04.2023	10.05.2023. 10.00 AM to 17.30 PM
02	KKRTC-04/ 2022-23. 14.03.2023.	51 to 100			11.05.2023. 10.00 AM to 17.30 PM
03	KKRTC-05/ 2022-23. 14.03.2023.	101 to 139			12.05.2023. 10.00 AM to 17.30 PM

All the details of Tender / e-Auction, Registration, Tender form documents etc. are available at http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Mail to cospnekrtc@gmail.com or eprocurementhelpdesk@gmail.com for further information if required. Further, any addendum / corrigendum related to changes in terms and conditions of tender, specification and calendar of events etc. will be uploaded only through e-procurement portal.

Address: Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation Central Offices, Stores & Purchase Department, Sarige Sadana, Main Road, Kalaburagi-585102 Mob.No-7760686172/ 7760992029

Sd/- Controller of Stores and Purchases
(Tender Inviting Authority)

DIPR/Kalaburagi/1489/MC&A/2022-23

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
Short e-TENDER CALL NOTICE
TD/TM/GEN-235(Vol-VII)/23/528, dtd.14.03.2023
Name of the Work : "Allotment of 03 (Three) nos. of Mechanical Iron Ore / Iron Ore Pellet Plots at IOHP. ". License Fees : Rs.2,89,12,950/- . Wharfage Fees : Rs.16,93,300/-. Last date & time of submission of bid : 20.03.2023 upto 15:00 hrs. Date and time of opening (technical bid) : 20.03.2023 up to 15:00 hrs.
Refer our Website for details : https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app & http://paradipport.gov.in/.
Traffic Manager
Paradip Port Authority
PPA/PR/231/2022-23, Dt.14/03/23

OFFICE OF THE KAKATIYA URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY;WARANGAL
H.No.6-1-240, KUDA Road, Hanumakonda
Roc.No.C3/575/2022 **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - (Call-II)** Dt: 15.03.2023
KUDA invite for appointment of Consultant for development of Integrated Bus Terminal-cum-Commercial Complex in the existing Warangal Bus Station over an extent of 3 ½ acres. The RFP document can be downloaded from **www.eprocurement.telangana.gov.in**. from 15-03-2023. The interested eligible consultants shall submit their proposals on or before 4.00pm 18-03-2023. Other details provided in the RFP document.
Sd/-
Vice Chairman
KUDA
R.O. No.: 1386-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2022-23

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No : KWA/HO/SP/12/2022-23/Lime, Supply and delivery of Hydrated Lime on running contract basis to various Divisions in Southern, Central and Northern Regions of KeralaWater Authority for the year 2023-24.
EMD : Rs. 439000/- , **Tender fee :** Rs. 29500/-,
Last Date for submitting Tender : 31-03-2023, 03:00:pm, **Phone : 8281597973**,
Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
Chief Engieer (HRD&GI.), Jalabhavan
KWA-JB-GL-6-1834-2022-23 Thiruvananthapuram

JAIPUR VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED
Office of the Superintending Engineer (MM-I)
MM building, Old Power House Premises,
Near Ram Mandir, Banipark, Jaipur
Tele/No. 0141-2208098 E-mail id:- semm1@jvvnl.org
SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING BID
e-tenders are invited for purchase of 33 KV Isolator 800 amp. & 11 KV 400 amp. Isolator Without EB with Post Insulators (TN-4901) **(UBN-VVN2223GLOB00914)**. All the details and information regarding any changes/extension of date related to tenders will be made available at web site **http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jvvnl** and **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**.
JPR-2790 (2023) SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (MM-I)
Raj.samwad/C/22/16076 For Electricity Complaints Toll Free No. 1800 180 6507

RAJASTHAN URJA VIKAS NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Rajasthan Undertaking), Corporate Identity Number (CIN) - U40104RJ2015SGC048738
Regd. Office - Vidyut Bhawan, Janpath, Jyoti Nagar, Jaipur-302005, Work Office: 1st Floor, Hudco Bhawan, Jyoti Nagar, Jaipur-302005, E-mail:SE.PP.RUVNL@RAJASTHAN.GOV.IN; Website: www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/ruvnl
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Online bids are invited for Selection of Developer(s) for setting up of solar power projects to procure 1200 MW power with committed power supply from energy storage system on long term basis through Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding as per specification under Tender No. TN-3/Long Term/SolarWithStorage/FY 2022-23. May visit website **https://www.bharat-electronictender.com** & **https://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/ruvks/** for further details.
RUVN/PR-49 (2023)
Raj.Samwad/C/22/16070 Superintending Engineer (PP)

GUJARAT URJA VIKAS NIGAM LIMITED
Sardar Patel Vidyut Bhavan,
Racecourse, Vadodara 390007
PBX : (0265) 2310582-86, Web: www.guvnl.com
CIN U40109GJ2004SGC045195
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
GUVNL invites Tender for procurement of power through Competitive Bidding (followed by reverse auction) from 500 MW grid-connected Wind Power Projects (Phase V) to be set up anywhere in India with an additional 500 MW capacity under 'Green-shoe Option'. For tender documents (RfS and Draft PPA) and further details please visit **www.guvnl.com** and **https://www.bharat-electronictender.com**. The last date of bid submission is 13/04/2023.
Date: 14/03/2023 General Manager (RE)

CSTEP
CENTER FOR STUDY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & POLICY
CENTER FOR STUDY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND POLICY
TENDER NOTIFICATION
The Executive Director, Center for Study of Science, Technology & Policy (CSTEP), invites sealed tenders in a two-bid system, from interested parties, for (i) Aerial Survey and Date processing for solar calculations for select cities across India (ii) Supply and installation of a 40 Teraflops GPU cluster.
Detailed tender document will be available for download from **(i) https://cstep.in/tender/aerial_survey.html** and **(ii) https://cstep.in/tender/gpu_cluster.html**
Due date for receipt of tender is **21st March, 2023.**

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता एवं पदेन परियोजना प्रबन्धक
WCDC जिला परिषद् प्रतापगढ़ (राज.)
E-Mail:- dwdu.pratapgarh@gmail.com Phone No. 01478-22004
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INBRIEF

National Archives allows use of phones to scan documents

Making its archives more accessible to researchers and students, the National Archives of India (NAI) has decided to allow registered research scholars to take photos of records in its library with mobile phones. Scholars can take up to 150 images a day of the records or documents that they require from the archives that have been issued to them as per their requisition. A fee of ₹500 will be charged from Indian scholars and ₹1,000 from foreign scholars to be paid through the purchase of a coupon. The photos can be taken under the supervision of the consultation area staff and under CCTV surveillance.

Resolution introduced in U.S. Senate on McMahon Line

A resolution has been introduced in the United States Senate seeking to recognise the McMahon Line as the international boundary between China and Arunachal Pradesh. The bipartisan Senate resolution sees Arunachal Pradesh as an integral part of India. "At a time when China continues to pose grave and gathering threats to the Free and Open Indo-Pacific, it is critical for the United States to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our strategic partners in the region, especially India," said Senator Bill Hagerty, who along with Senator Jeff Merkley introduced a resolution in the Senate. PTI

Journalist Dhanya Rajendran wins Chameli Devi Award

Dhanya Rajendran, co-founder and editor-in-chief of The News Minute portal, has been declared the winner of the Chameli Devi Jain Award for Outstanding Woman Mediaperson for 2022, the Media Foundation announced on Wednesday. A three-member jury comprising Nirmal Pathak, editor, PTI Bhasha; columnist Nidhi Razdan, and Harish Damodaran, national rural affairs and agriculture editor, *The Indian Express*, said that Ms. Rajendran's work "showed a blend of meticulous reportage and data reflecting not only individual merit, but the pursuit of committed journalism". The award will be presented on March 21 at the India International Centre in New Delhi. PTI

Aadhaar free online update facility available till June 14

Aadhaar holders can update details for free for a period of three months until June 14, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) announced on Wednesday. The facility can be accessed on the myAadhaar portal (myaadhaar.uidai.gov.in). Physical update centres such as post offices will continue to charge ₹50 for updating details, the UIDAI said. "As per Aadhaar Enrolment and Update Regulations, 2016, Aadhaar holders may, on completion of every 10 years from the date of enrolment, update their supporting documents, at least once, by submitting proof of identity and proof of address documents, so as to ensure continued accuracy of their information," it added.

79 children died in care agencies in eight months

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A total of 79 children died between April and December in 2022 in specialised adoption agencies (SAAs) majorly due to unsafe abandonment which exposed them to animal attacks, asphyxia and other dangers. Very low birth weight and premature birth were also among the reasons.

However, there is no report on deaths of children after their adoption from these agencies, the Women and Child Development Ministry informed the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday.

The Central Adoption Resource Authority has been conducting training to improve the quality of child care in institutions.

New regulations emphasise quality child care by the agencies and mandate that the Chief Medical Officers make interventions when necessary. The government said it had simplified its policy pertaining to adoption under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Act, 2021, the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Amendment Rules, 2022 and the Adoption Regulations, 2022.

House panel questions huge cut in outlay for MGNREGS

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development seeks rationale behind reduction in allocation considering the key role the scheme plays for the distressed populace of the country

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Taking note of the drastic cut in allocation for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Generation Scheme (MGNREGS) in the Union Budget, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development, in a report tabled on Wednesday, questioned the government's rationale behind the reduction in the allocation for the scheme considering the key role it plays for the distressed populace of the country.

The Budget Estimate for the MGNREGS was reduced by ₹29,400 crore for the 2023-24 fiscal year compared with the Revised Estimate of 2022-23.

"It is a last resort of succour for the jobless section who don't have any other means to feed them and their family members. The role and importance of MGNREGA was visible during the corona pandemic times when it acted as a ray of hope for the needy in times of distress," the committee headed by DMK MP K. Kanimozhi said in the report. The importance of the scheme is highlighted by the fact that during the pandemic, the government had to revise the budget from ₹61,500 crore initially allotted in 2020-21 to ₹1,11,500 crore and similarly in 2021-22, it was hiked from ₹73,000 crore to ₹99,117.53 crore.

For a livelihood: In 2021-22, the funds for MGNREGS was hiked from ₹73,000 crore to ₹99,117.53 crore. L. BALACHANDAR

Even in the ongoing financial year, ₹73,000 crore was initially allocated to the scheme, but it was increased to ₹89,400 crore.

"The Committee is unable to comprehend the rationale for reduced allocation of fund under MGNREGA," the report noted.

The panel also expressed distress over the delay in wage payments and material fund release to the State governments.

It further flagged a chronic problem of non-adherence to the provision of delay compensation, which several activists and organisations working in the field have repeatedly pointed out. The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) says that wages have to paid within 15 days of the work and in case of any delay, the workers must be paid due compensation.

"In this context, the Committee, through their experiences of ground reality and the facts and figures apprised to them during study visits are seized of the situation that the state machinery has time and again failed in providing the delay compensation due to being late in the payment of wages to the beneficiaries."

Reacting to complaints from the ground against digital capturing of attendance of the workers through the National Mobile Monitoring System, a mobile based application, the committee said that while it understood the reason for bringing in this innovation, the government should also be aware of the problems faced by the workers.

"Needless to say that the MGNREGA beneficiaries belong to extremely deprived sections of the society, belonging to different linguistic milieu. Expecting the MGNREGA workers to be well versed with the functioning and language of app or for that matter even depending upon a nodal human intervention perhaps adds to their woes," the Parliamentary panel said.

Two years to shift to new minimum age of marriage

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The minimum age of marriage for women will be raised to 21 two years after the Prohibition of Child Marriage Amendment Bill, 2021, is notified following its passage in Parliament, the Union government said on Wednesday. This gap will provide ample time to citizens to prepare for this "momentous" reform, it added.

The Bill, now with a Parliamentary Standing Committee, envisions the same minimum age of marriage for women and men. It has provisions to make consequential amendments relating to age of marriage in the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872; the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936; the Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Application Act, 1937; the Special Marriage Act, 1954; the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955; and the Foreign Marriage Act, 1969, the Women and Child Development Ministry told the Rajya Sabha.

The Ministry said the task force constituted before the introduction of the Bill in Parliament had examined the correlation of age of marriage and motherhood and related aspects.

Milk, meat see rise in production: Ministry of Animal Husbandry

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The 'Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics,' prepared by the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying after an integrated sample survey, has shown an increase in milk, eggs and meat production in the country.

Union Minister Parshottam Rupala, who released the report here on Wednesday, said the contribution of livestock to the agriculture sector had been showing steady improvement, signifying its growing importance for the country's economy.

The report said the total milk production in the country was 221.06 million tonnes in 2022. The production had increased by 5.29% over the previous year, the report said. The per capita availability of milk was 444 grams per day.

The total egg production in the country was 129.6 billion, with an increase of 6.19% compared to the previous year. The per capita availability of egg is 95 eggs per annum.

The total meat production in the country was 9.29 million tonnes. It had increased by 5.62% as compared to the previous year. The meat production from poultry was 4.78 million tonnes, contributing to about 51.44% of the total production. "The top five meat-producing States are Maharashtra (12.25%), Uttar Pradesh (12.14%), West Bengal (11.63%), Andhra Pradesh (11.04%) and Telangana (10.82%). They together contribute 57.86% of total meat production," the survey said.

Eurasian otter raises hope for J&K stream

First photographic record of the semi-aquatic carnivorous mammal has indicated that some stretches of the Neeru stream, a tributary of the Chenab river, are still unpolluted

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

The first photographic record of an elusive semi-aquatic carnivorous mammal has indicated that not all is lost for a Jammu and Kashmir stream.

A trio of scientists from the University of Jammu's Institute of Mountain Environment (IME) at Bhaderwah camera-trapped three Eurasian otters - two adults and one sub-adult - in the Neeru stream of the Chenab catchment.

Apart from putting an end to doubts about the animal's presence in the upper Chenab catchment, their findings have confirmed that some stretches of the Neeru remain unpolluted. The Neeru is a tributary of the Chenab river. "These stretches are away from human habitations and comprise stony beds and narrow valleys that are virtually unsuitable for sand and gravel mining, providing some hope for the otter's survival," Neeraj Sharma, the corresponding author of the report on the Eurasian otter (*Lutra lutra)* told *The Hindu*.

Eurasian otter caught in the infrared camera along the Neeru stream in Jammu and Kashmir. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Since the Eurasian otter – classified as 'near threatened' on the IUCN Red List – is regarded as a flagship species and indicator of high-quality aquatic habitats, its presence is encouraging for the health of the Neeru stream, he said.

Dinesh Singh and Anil Thakar are the other scientists behind the study published in the latest issue of the *Journal of Threatened Taxa*.

The study area is drained by the Neeru, a 30-km perennial stream that originates in the Kailash Lake at 3,900 metres above mean sea level and drains into the Chenab at Pul-Doda. Fed by 13 major tributaries, the stream flows through several small villages, semi-urban and urbanised areas, with Bhaderwah being the largest settlement.

Questionnaire surveys conducted in 2016-17 revealed that the animal - locally called *huder* or *hud* - once inhabited the entire length of the Neeru and its tributaries. Unable to establish a direct sighting, the scientists followed the faeces of the animal and set up five infrared cameras. Three Eurasian otters were captured on the cameras over five days in October 2020.

THE HINDU CROSSWORD + 13814

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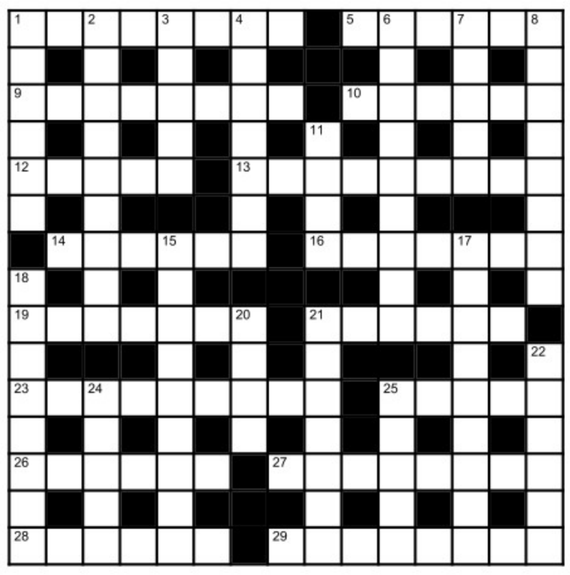

Across

1 Cuts fashionable placement where the ball bounces low (4,4)
5 Confidence of liberal institute involved in dispute (6)
9 Model joins one expert Olympian (8)
10 Wannabe American hiding one that may not bounce (6)
12 Digress without help (5)
13 He shifts a wild creature that can swim (9)
14 Substantial to lose every fourth carriage (6)
16 Press ordinary piercing weapon (7)
19 Sign of approval about destroyed tape recorder (7)
21 Very ordinary cry about barrage of bullets (6)
23 It may cause a ball to come back below small stick (9)
25 Grab horse showing hate (5)
26 Stash missing at first, had to think (6)
27 Swapping two parts return stroke (8)
28 Child returned to shelter - insanity at Wanderers (6)
29 Turn around light device, so short inside (8)

Down

1 Forcefully take away down payment - it is gone with engineer (6)
2 Old boy, one doing household work is attentive (9)
3 Dissect small insects (5)
4 Animal old pole curtailed partly in summer (7)
6 College perhaps destroyed local tree (9)
7 Stressed feet immobilized and made bit inconvenient for starters (5)
8 Fear don went berserk consuming heroin shot (8)
11 Setter joins society with hard network (4)
15 Sifted and broke apart seed (9)
17 Smashes six balls with top strokes at the beginning (9)
18 Introduction if unions change (8)
20 Perform exercise with drug (4)
21 Very hard worker and saint missing first asset (7)
22 Bishop to free gangster - it may be for a girl at a wedding (6)
24 Ambition of doctor - to join leaderless squad (5)
25 Bank lender smuggling joint (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Sankalpa of the Lord

Often a question arises about how karma operates. Do karmas give results directly? The answer is in the negative. Lord Narayana gives us results for karma, said Valayapet Ramachariar in a discourse. If karmas directly result in some consequences, then we must see those consequences soon after a karma is competed. So, if a yaga is done, we must get the result at once. But this does not happen.

In fact, we do not know when we will get a result for a karma. And when we face certain things in life, we cannot pinpoint which exact karma has brought us this effect in this birth. Karma does not work like a switch. If you turn on a switch, a light bulb illuminates the room. Karma does not give such instant results. So how exactly does karma work? Mimamsakas said that when we did daana or a yaga, something called apoorva resulted. This apoorva remained, giving the required results for karmas when it was appropriate. Visishtadvaita philosophy has a different explanation. In the siddhanta of Ramanuja, namely Visishtadvaita, karmas cannot give direct or instant results. When we do good deeds, Lord Narayana is happy, and we get His anugraha. When we do wrong, we anger Him and we face His nigraha sankalpa. So the results for karma come from the Lord's anugraha sankalpa or nigraha sankalpa. When we suffer, we ask why the Lord watches silently, without relieving us of suffering.

How can this be when He is merciful, we ask. The Lord is merciful but if He does not give us results according to our actions, then where is fairness and justice? Will He not be accused of partiality? He is flawless, with no blemishes like partiality. Hence He gives us results for our karmas.

PARIS

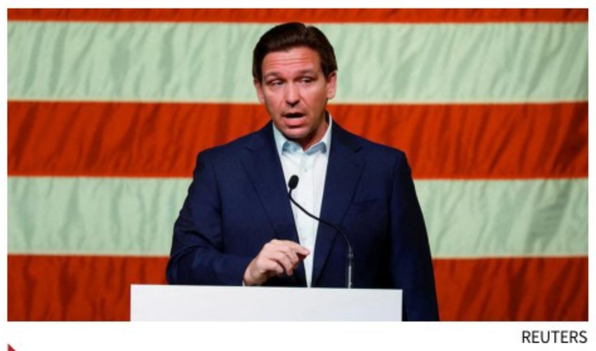
Russia's oil revenue sinks to almost half as price cap takes effect: IEA

AP

Russia's oil-export revenue sank by half in February compared to last year as Western powers tightened sanctions on the country, the International Energy Agency said. Following sanctions, the country earned $11.6 billion from its oil exports last month, which was a 42% drop from the $20 billion in February last year. AFP

TALLAHASSEE

Trump allies file ethics complaint against Florida Governor DeSantis



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Allies of former U.S. President Donald Trump have filed a complaint with the Florida Commission on Ethics accusing Gov. Ron DeSantis (in photo), a potential 2024 rival, of violating campaign finance and ethics rules with a shadow run for the White House. Mr. DeSantis' office called it a "frivolous and politically motivated" charge. AP

SEOUL

With $230-bn funds, South Korea to build 'world's largest' chip centre

REUTERS

South Korea said it would build the world's largest chip centre using $230 billion of private investment mostly from Samsung Electronics. The plan is part of the government's drive to invest heavily in six key technologies, including chips, displays and batteries, all areas where the country's tech giants are well-established already. AFP

BEIJING

Doctor who exposed cover-up of China's 2003 SARS epidemic dies

AP

The doctor who exposed China's cover-up of the SARS epidemic in 2003 died aged 91. Jiang Yanyong, then a doctor in a Beijing military hospital, angered officials when he informed foreign media of attempts to downplay the outbreak of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, revealing the existence of hundreds of earlier cases. AFP

Amid clashes, police retreat from Imran's residence after court order

Former Pakistan PM gets temporary relief from arrest after the Lahore High Court directs officials to stop the operation at his residence till 10 a.m. today; Imran says the arrest warrant is an attempt to prevent him from contesting elections

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LAHORE/ISLAMABAD

Absentee leader: Supporters of Imran Khan take cover after riot police officers fire tear gas during clashes in Lahore on Monday. AP

In a temporary relief for Imran Khan, a Pakistani court on Wednesday ordered the police to stop its operation outside the former Prime Minister's residence in Lahore to arrest him in a corruption case, amid clashes between the security personnel and his supporters.

Zaman Park where Mr. Khan lives remained under siege for the past two days and the government sent the elite Rangers to aid the police teams who struggled on Tuesday to muscle their way through a ring of enraged Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf (PTI) supporters to arrest party chairman Mr. Khan. The clashes on Tuesday left over 70 people injured, including 59 policemen.

The police, with their riot gear on, closed in on Mr. Khan's home to comply with the court orders to arrest the 70-year-old cricketer-turned-politician in the Toshakhana case.

However, the police withdrew from the area after the Lahore High Court ordered them to stop their operation till 10 a.m. on Thursday. The court summoned the Punjab Inspector-General, Chief Secretary and Islamabad police (operations) head on a petition filed by PTI leader Fawad Chaudhry seeking order for the government to stop the police action at Mr. Khan's residence. Mr. Khan's party on Tuesday challenged the police operation in thecourt, requesting it to direct the government to end its bid to arrest the party chief.

'Rule of the jungle'

Mr. Khan, in an interview with news agency Agence France-Presse, said: "They want me in jail so that I cannot contest elections".

"There were so many cases, they would have just kept me in jail. And the whole idea was to miss the elections. This abduction had nothing to do with rule of law," he said. "It's the law of the jungle."

After the Pakistan Rangers and the police personnel retreated, Mr. Khan came out of his residence, donning a gas mask, and met the party workers. His supporters cheered "chasing the Rangers away".

In a tweet, the party said that more workers were reaching Zaman Park and vowed not to let the "impure intentions" of the coalition government succeed.

Russia races to retrieve drone wreckage from Black Sea as U.S. vows to 'protect our equities'

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Moscow said on Wednesday it would try to retrieve the wreckage of a U.S. military drone that crashed over the Black Sea in a confrontation that Washington blamed on two Russian fighter jets.

Russia also warned against "hostile" U.S. flights as tensions simmered and denied that its Su-27 military aircraft had clipped the propeller of the unmanned Reaper drone.

Kyiv, meanwhile, countered that the incident over international waters was evidence that the Kremlin wanted to draw the U.S. into the conflict in Ukraine.

Kyiv says the incident is evidence that Kremlin wants to draw the U.S. into the Ukraine conflict

"I don't know whether we'll be able to retrieve it or not but it has to be done. And we will certainly work on it," Russian Security Council secretary Nikolai Patrushev said in televised remarks.

Tension escalates

The crash on Tuesday, which Washington said was the fault of reckless and unprofessional Russian conduct, further ratcheted up tensions between Moscow and Western allies, already soaring over the Ukraine conflict.

Mr. Patrushev said the incident was further proof that the U.S. was a direct party to fighting between Moscow and Kyiv.

Russia said the U.S. aircraft had lost control but White House national security spokesman John Kirby said the U.S. "obviously" refuted the denial.

He added the U.S. was trying to prevent the fallen drone from getting into the wrong hands.

"We've taken steps to protect our equities with respect to that particular drone – that particular aircraft," Mr. Kirby told CNN.

Russian intercepts over the Black Sea are common, Mr. Kirby said, but this one was particularly "unsafe and unprofessional" and "reckless".

Across the fence: A Rohingya family arrives for a meeting with the Myanmar officials in Teknaf in Bangladesh on Wednesday. AFP

Myanmar officials in Bangladesh to fix Rohingya return plan

Agence France-Presse
TEKNAF

Myanmar officials were meeting with Rohingya refugees on Wednesday in what Bangladeshi authorities said was the revival of a long-stalled effort to return the stateless minority to their homeland.

Bangladesh is home to around a million Rohingya, most of whom fled a 2017 military crackdown in neighbouring Myanmar now subject to a UN genocide investigation.

Both countries signed an agreement to return them later that year but little progress has been made, leaving the refugees to languish in relief camps.

Shamsud Douza, Bangladesh's deputy refugee commissioner, said that a 17-member team arrived in the border town of Teknaf on Wednesday morning. More than 700 Rohingya will be interviewed by the delegation to assess the suitability of their return to Myanmar.

China is mediating between both countries on the renewed repatriation push and Beijing's Ambassador to Dhaka, Yao Wen, said that repatriation would start "very soon".

Saudi Arabia can start investing in Iran 'very quickly'

Agence France-Presse
RIYADH

Saudi Arabia could start making investments in Iran "very quickly" after they agreed to restore diplomatic ties, the Saudi Finance Minister said on Wednesday, despite sweeping U.S. sanctions against the Islamic republic.

Mohammed Al-Jadaan said there were "a lot of opportunities" in Iran and that he couldn't see any reason to prevent investments taking place between the two Gulf heavyweights.

"I would say quickly," he told the Financial Sector Conference in Riyadh, when asked how soon Saudi Arabia could start making "significant" investments in Iran.

Sticking to principles

"When people really stick to the principles of what was agreed, I think that that could happen very quickly."

In a surprise, Chinese-brokered announcement on Friday, Saudi Arabia and Iran agreed to work towards restoring ties and reopening diplomatic missions within two months.

The rivals, who are on opposing sides in conflicts across the Middle East, severed ties in 2016 after Saudi's execution of a Shiite cleric triggered violent protests.

Past sanctions

Iran has been under renewed U.S. sanctions since then president Donald Trump abandoned a landmark nuclear agreement between Tehran and major powers in 2018. Saudi Arabia, a longtime U.S. ally, has said it supports the sanctions, which target key areas, including oil.

But Mr. Al-Jadaan said: "There is no reason for (investments) not to happen. I mean, Iran is our neighbour and has been and will continue to be for hundreds of years.

"So I don't see any issue that would prevent the normalisation of the relationship across investments... as long as we stick to the agreement."

'Suicide bomber with suspected links to Hezbollah shot dead'

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

Israel's Army on Wednesday announced it killed a suspect wearing an explosive belt in the country's north earlier this week, suggesting the possible involvement of Lebanon's Hezbollah movement.

"We are examining a possibility of the Hezbollah terrorist organisation of being involved" with the suspected attacker who was shot dead on Monday, the Army said.

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INBRIEF

Honda unveils Shine 100, enters 100 cc bike segment

Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI) has forayed into the mass motorcycle 100 cc segment with the introduction of Shine 100 in India at price starting ₹64,900 (ex-showroom, Maharashtra). The motorcycle comes with a special 6-year warranty package, the company said. "Shine 100 is Honda's next big leap to make mobility more accessible and affordable for people across India," said Atsushi Ogata, MD, President & CEO, HMSI.

Sundaram HF raises interest rates on term deposits

Sundaram Home Finance Ltd. (SHFL) said it had raised interest rates on term deposits March 16 onwards. On one-year deposits for senior citizens, the company will now offer 7.95% p.a. (7.70%). On two- to five-year deposits, the rate has been raised to 8.25% from 8%. For individuals other than senior citizens, SHFL has raised the rates by 25 basis points to 7.45% on one-year deposits, 7.75% on two- and three-year deposits and to 7.90% on 4- and 5-year deposits.

Fuji Electric India sets up ₹150-cr. facility in Chennai

Fuji Electric India, an industrial automation and energy efficient solutions provider, has set up a ₹150-crore facility in Chennai to manufacture 3,500 units of variable frequency drives per month in a single shift and more than 2 lakh printed circuit boards (PCBs) per year. The unit was inaugurated on Wednesday by MD Yosuke Ishizaka, CEO Shivaji Waghmare, Director Kentaroh Yamaguchi, and Business Head - Automation Division B. Karthik.

Trade policy may be revised after eight years from April 1

Commerce Secretary says FTP focusses on realising $1 tn of goods, services exports; Ministry has in concert with other ministries reviewed list of essential, non-essential items to help cut imports

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The much-delayed reboot of India's Foreign Trade Policy, which has been unchanged since 2015 and whose revision has been due for three years, may finally be announced by the end of this month, Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal said.

The Commerce Ministry had planned to announce a new trade policy last September but instead extended the 'Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20' by six more months till March 31.

"During these six months, we have looked at various aspects of that policy and undertaken a visioning exercise, keeping our aspirations to achieve $1 trillion of merchandise and services exports each," Mr. Barthwal said.

"So, within that framework, we have worked out the Foreign Trade Policy and we are expecting that it would be released by the end of the month."

Pointing to the recent decline in the goods import bill, the official said this reflected the efforts steered by Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal to curb unnecessary imports.

"We have been working with all ministries and have shared the import figures for each product to examine if they are essential... imports," Mr. Barthwal explained.

Overdue reboot

India's Foreign Trade Policy is set to be finally recast, with the refreshed version likely to be unveiled by the end of this month

- The current policy, originally set to end after five years on March 31, 2020, was repeatedly extended during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Last September, the Commerce Ministry abandoned plans for the reboot and extended the FTP for six more months
- Extra time was used to review plans and goals, says Barthwal

'States identified for PM textile scheme to be named soon'

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

The Ministry of Textiles will shortly name the States identified for implementation of the Prime Minister MITRA (Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) Parks scheme, Union Minister of Textiles Piyush Goyal said.

Inaugurating a three-day Global Textile Conclave, the Minister said the States are being identified through the challenge route and the PM MITRA parks will provide the best ecosystem for the textile industry to be collectively present in one location, with plug-and-play infrastructure.

The parks would improve the competitiveness of the textile value chain and boost the five F (farm, fibre, factory, fashion, foreign) vision of the PM.

Listing the schemes implemented by the Ministry for the textile industry, he said recently an additional ₹500 crore was allocated for the Scheme for Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies on Export of Garments and Made-ups (RoSCTL) from the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) Scheme.

The vision for 2030 is to achieve an economic value of $250 billion in production and $100 billion in export of textiles, apparel, and related products. This can be achieved though the sector faced a small setback in the current year.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	57,556	-0.59
US Dollar	82.75	-0.46
Gold	57,070	-0.54
Brent oil	73.69	-8.17

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1839.00	100.80
Adani Ports	679.35	24.85
Apollo Hosp	4328.80	29.20
Asian Paints	2827.40	81.80
Axis Bank	824.05	-8.80
Bajaj Auto	3730.00	-22.90
Bajaj Finserv	1282.60	2.05
Bajaj Finance	5718.75	-12.80
Bharti Airtel	756.65	-15.15
BPCL	330.30	4.10
Britannia Ind	4243.10	-49.85
Cipla	877.95	5.90
Coal India	219.90	-1.15
Divis Lab	2775.80	18.75
Dr Reddys Lab	4394.50	44.95
Eicher Motors	3006.90	-10.00
Grasim Ind	1550.60	-10.60
HCL Tech	1079.65	-4.40
HDFC	2528.85	-28.60
HDFC Bank	1541.90	-22.45
HDFC Life	466.70	-3.85
Hero MotoCorp	2379.45	6.00
Hindalco	406.15	3.45
Hind Unilever	2406.10	-36.35
ICICI Bank	825.90	-4.45
IndusInd Bank	1044.35	-19.65
Infosys	1419.65	-0.35
ITC	379.40	-0.30
JSW Steel	679.65	7.60
Kotak Bank	1665.95	17.70
L&T	2176.65	32.45
M&M	1160.35	-0.45
Maruti Suzuki	8474.95	-37.20
NestleIndia	17993.35	-271.30
NTPC	178.20	0.30
ONGC	152.55	-0.75
PowerGrid Corp	228.30	3.10
Reliance Ind	2237.05	-38.90
SBI Life	1067.05	-10.05
State Bank	517.55	-7.85
Sun Pharma	951.40	-5.80
TataConsumerProduct	687.55	-5.75
Tata Motors	411.35	-5.30
Tata Steel	108.65	2.25
TCS	3198.90	-16.05
Tech Mahindra	1114.40	-0.90
Titan	2399.10	43.50
UltraTech Cement	7100.75	36.80
UPL	702.45	4.80
Wipro	375.75	-3.70

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on March 15

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.40	82.72
Euro	87.91	88.26
British Pound	99.74	100.13
Japanese Yen (100)	61.60	61.85
Chinese Yuan	12.00	12.04
Swiss Franc	89.63	89.99
Singapore Dollar	61.18	61.43
Canadian Dollar	60.04	60.28
Malaysian Ringitt	18.41	18.50
Australian Dollar	54.78	55.01

Source:Indian Bank

Sensex dips by 0.59% as banking stocks slide

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Weakness in banking stocks dragged down key benchmark indices on Wednesday as the sector remained under pressure following the collapse of two American banks last week and new names cropping up by the day.

While the S&P BSE Sensex slid 344.29 points, or 0.59%, to 57,555.90 points, the BSE Bankex slumped 382.47 points, or 0.86%, to end the day's trading at 44,223.85 points.

Europe's bank stocks skid on Credit Suisse

Reuters

Europe's bank stocks came under pressure again on Wednesday, with Credit Suisse tumbling to a new low, as investors continued to worry about stress within the sector following Silicon Valley Bank's collapse.

Regulators worldwide have sought to assuage contagion concerns after SVB and another U.S. bank failed last week, but worries persist.

A fresh 18% drop in the embattled Swiss lender led the wider European banking index lower.

Rapid rises in interest rates have made it harder for some firms to service the loans they took from banks, raising the chances of losses for lenders.

However, European Central Bank policymakers are still leaning towards a half-percentage-point rate hike on Thursday, a source told Reuters.

India-Canada trade deal talks to be held in April

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India and Canada are moving swiftly towards sealing an interim free trade pact, with the next round of parleys scheduled to be held in early April.

While the early harvest trade pact is being fleshed out now, the comprehensive economic partnership agreement will cover Goods, Services, Rules of Origin as well as Labour, Environment and Digital issues, a senior Commerce Ministry official said.

Ramakrishna Forgings to make forged wheels for Railways

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Kolkata-based Ramakrishna Forgings has won the tender for setting up a plant to make forged wheels for the Indian Railways quoting the lowest price of ₹1,88,000 a tonne.

The Indian Railways had been examining the possibility of setting up a facility which can make 80,000 forged wheels, which help run locomotives and train coaches, annually for the next 20 years to reduce its dependence on China

Once the new plant is set up, the full requirement of forged wheels will be met locally

The other two firms in the fray viz Bharat Forge and Steel Authority India Limited (SAIL) quoted ₹2,75,000 per tonne and ₹2,89,500 per tonne respectively.

Indian Railways had been importing various types of forged wheels required for locomotives and coaching stock (LHB) since the 1960s from the U.K., Czech Republic, Brazil, Romania, Japan, China, Ukraine and Russia.

In 2022-23, 80,000 wheels, worth about ₹520 crore, were imported from China and Russia, with the balance 40,000 sourced from SAIL. Currently, due to the Russia-Ukraine Crisis, all the import requirements of wheels are being met from China, the Ministry of Railways said.

Once the new plant is set up, the full requirement of forged wheels for locomotives and coaching stock will be met from domestic sources, it said.

U.K's Coats unveils sustainability hub

N. Anand
MADURAI

U.K.-based Coats Group Plc, a maker of thread and structural components for apparel and footwear, has opened a 'Sustainability Hub' to accelerate transition to recycled and renewable materials.

The hub, comprising a spinning and twisting pilot plant, was opened by Group CEO Rajiv Sharma.

This is the fourth innovation hub for Coats after Shenzhen, Turkey and U.S. and the first to have 100% focus on sustainability.

Rajiv Sharma

It is part of a $10 million investment planned over the next five years to scale up the development of green technologies to accelerate the achievement of sustainability targets.

(The writer was in Madurai at the firm's invitation)

LIC reduces stake in NMDC to 11.69%

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Life Insurance Corporation of India's (LIC) shareholding in NMDC has reduced by 2 percentage points to 11.69% subsequent to the insurance major, as an institutional investor, unloading more than 5.88 crore shares of the state-owned mining major in the open market.

LIC offloaded the shares at an average price of ₹119.37 per share, the insurer said in a filing.

HUL to offer millet based drink in South

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Hindustan Unilever Ltd. (HUL) said millets were in conversation nationally and internationally and that the company was mainstreaming their acceptance among children and adults, especially in the south.

HUL would be introducing Millet Horlicks in chocolate flavour in the southern markets later this month, while it already unveiled a multi millet-based offering for children in the health food drinks category in Tamil Nadu in February this year.

"We are excited to introduce a multi millet-based offering for children in the health food drinks category," said Krishnan Sundaram, VP and Business Head, Nutrition, HUL.

Explaining the rationale behind HUL's focus on the south as far as millets were concerned, Mr. Sundaram said, "There is a varying adoption to millets across the country, but south tends to be leading the millets revolution and we find high saliency for this idea in the south and that's why we are targeting the region, to start with."

Sport

Haaland's record-equalling five puts Man City in quarters

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Agence France-Presse
MANCHESTER

Erling Haaland equalled a Champions League record with a five-goal haul to ease Manchester City into the quarterfinals at RB Leipzig's expense as a 7-0 win for the English champion secured an 8-1 aggregate victory on Tuesday.

In the process, he moved level with Lionel Messi and Luiz Adriano's record of scoring five goals in a Champions League game.

Haaland also set a new club record for goals in a season of 39 in the process as Pep Guardiola's men reached the last eight for the sixth consecutive season. City is yet to go all the way in the Champions League, but it has never had a striker of Haaland's quality to make the difference in the latter stages before.

One man army: Haaland, heading in City's fifth, made life very difficult for Leipzig's defence. AP

At just 22 he now has 33 goals in 25 appearances in Europe's premier club competition.

He surpassed the record held by former Manchester United and Real Madrid striker Ruud van Nistelrooy, who reached that benchmark in 34. "

I'm blurry in my head. I remember shooting but not thinking," Haaland said after he matched Messi and Adriano.

At 22 years, 236 days old, Haaland is also the youngest player to score 30 Champions League goals – beating Kylian Mbappe, who had broken Messi's record.

But Guardiola denied his star striker the chance of another record – of a double hat-trick – as he replaced him with Julian Alvarez with 25 minutes remaining.

Meanwhile, Inter Milan also qualified for the quarterfinals on Tuesday after a 0-0 draw at Porto gave it a 1-0 aggregate win. Inter made the last eight for the first time since 2011 thanks to Romelu Lukaku's lone goal in the first leg in Milan.

The results: Manchester City 7 (Haaland 22-pen, 24, 45+2, 53, 57, Gundogan 49, De Bruyne 90+2) bt RB Leipzig 0 (*City won 8-1 on aggregate*); FC Porto 0 drew with Inter Milan 0 (*Inter won 1-0 on aggregate*).

Chhetri may be playing in his final season, says India coach Stimac

FOOTBALL

Press Trust of India
KOLKATA

Talismanic striker Sunil Chhetri "may be playing the final season" of his illustrious career, feels Indian football team head coach Igor Stimac, who is hoping that the star player saves his best for the last in the coming months.

India's next big assignment is the AFC Asian Cup in Qatar from January 12 to February 10 next year. The 38-year-old is set to figure in his third continental showpiece, the most by an Indian, after playing a pivotal role in the qualification tournament last year.

"At his age, this will probably be his farewell from football. Obviously, Sunil may be playing his last season, and definitely his last Asian Cup," Stimac said. "I'm quite sure the upcoming months will be the best for Chhetri," he was quoted in AIFF website. Chhetri, the third highest goalscorer among active players with 84 strikes behind Cristiano Ronaldo (118) and Lionel Messi (98), was part of the Indian teams that played in the 2011 and '19 Asian Cup.

Icon: Chhetri is the third most prolific international goal scorer among active players behind Ronaldo and Messi. FILE PHOTO

FIFTH-TIME LUCKY

Treesa-Gayatri combine solves the Thai puzzle

Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand beat Jongkolphan Kititharakul & Rawinda Prajongjai of Thailand 21-18, 21-14 in the All England badminton championships first round in Birmingham on Wednesday. The Indians had lost all their four previous matches against the Thai pair.

GETTING BATTLE READY

Men in Blue start training for ODI series against Australia

EMMANUAL YOGINI

Several members of the Indian cricket team, including stand-in captain Hardik Pandya, began training at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai on Wednesday. India's regular captain Rohit Sharma will miss the first ODI in Mumbai on March 17 due to family commitments.

NO. 1 AGAIN

Ashwin regains top spot among the Test bowlers

R. Ashwin's superlative show in the fourth Test against Australia helped him regain the top spot among bowlers in the ICC rankings issued on Wednesday. He is 10 rating points ahead of England's James Anderson. Virat Kohli moved seven spots to 13th in the batting list.

PULLED UP

Ferrari's Leclerc gets 10-place grid penalty for Saudi GP

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc has been hit with a 10-place grid penalty for this weekend's Saudi Arabian Grand Prix. The sanction was meted out after Ferrari was forced to change the power unit twice in his car in Bahrain, breaking rules that only permit two changes in an entire season.

REBOOT

Nadal likely to make a Monte Carlo comeback

Rafael Nadal is aiming to make his comeback from a hip injury at the Monte Carlo Masters from April 8, organisers said on Wednesday. Tournament director David Massey said: "Rafa was the first to be registered. He is giving himself every chance to take part in the tournament he's so fond of."

Fort Rourkela unconquered as India shoots out Australia

After missing two early penalties, the Indians storm back through Sreejesh's saves and prevail in sudden-death; Harmanpreet's men extend winning run at the Birsa Munda International Stadium to eight games

FIH PRO LEAGUE

Uthra Ganesan
ROURKELA

Fort Rourkela remained unconquered as India won 4-3 against Australia in a shootout after the teams were tied 2-2 in regulation time in the final Pro League match of the mini-series here on Wednesday.

India has remained unbeaten at the Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium in eight games, starting with its World Cup campaign earlier this year.

Despite missing two early shots in the shootout, the host came back to take the game to sudden-death, courtesy another impressive performance by P.R. Sreejesh who effected three saves.

A fighting Australian team kept up the pressure right through, especially in the second half, but Harmanpreet's men managed to walk away with two points after the win.

A goal in the second minute, courtesy a rasping reverse hit by Vivek Sagar Prasad from the top of the circle off a penalty corner rebound in the second minute handed an ideal start to India. But the early dominance did not translate into a flurry of goals as India misses a series of penalty corners in the next couple of minutes.

The juggernaut: Harmanpreet's troops rolled over Germany and Australia to keep a perfect record. TWITTER@THEHOCKEYINDIA

With Manpreet Singh sitting out, player positions were shifted. Dilpreet Singh moved further up to his usual spot and Vivek, featuring in his 100th game, marshalled the central midfield along with Hardik Singh.

India was in control for the first quarter but Australia gradually created space, took possession and opened channels on either flank through passes on the sidelines. Only a resolute Indian defence, impressive goalkeeping and the post kept the Aussies at bay.

After the half-time break, the sideline passes were mixed with long aerials to bypass the opponent and enter the Indian circle more often. One of those saw Pawan tripping Nathan Ephraums on the backline to concede a stroke and a goal.

Sukhjeet's brilliant flick, which deflected off Eddie Ockenden's stick, put India ahead for the second time. Australia threw everything upfront and managed to pull level through Tim Howard with eight minutes remaining. However, the visitors could only go that far.

India remained on top of the table with 19 points in eight games while Australia was sixth (eight from eight). Harmanpreet Singh led the scorers' list (11), while Selvam Karthi (5) was the other Indian in the top-five.

India's next game is against Belgium in London on May 26.

The result: India 2 (Vivek Sagar 2, Sukhjeet 47) drew with Australia 2 (Ephraums 37, Howard 52); S**hootout:** India 4 (Harmanpreet 2, Dilpreet, Sukhjeet) bt Australia 3 (Harvie, Marais, Welch).

Srikanth rallies to beat Popov; Sindhu crashes out

BADMINTON

Press Trust of India
BIRMINGHAM

K. Srikanth overcame a first game loss to the get the better of Toma Junior Popov but P.V. Sindhu's poor run continued as the star Indian shuttler made a first round exit from the All England Championships after losing to Zhang Yi Man of China on Wednesday.

Former World No.1 Srikanth beat the Frenchman 19-21, 21-14, 21-5 in 63 minutes to set up a pre-quarterfinal match with Japan's Kodai Naraoka.

Sindhu, a double Olympic medallist, lost 17-21, 11-21 in a 39-minute women's singles contest. This is the third time that Sindhu has lost her first round match this year.

She had lost to Carolina Marin of Spain in Malaysia Open in January before exiting the Indian Open at the same stage.

In men's doubles, sixth-seeded Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty got past compatriots Krishnaprasad Garaga & Vishnuvardhan Goud Panjala 21-13, 21-13.

Lovlina and Nikhat cynosure of all eyes as India enters the ring well-prepped

Colourful start: Mary Kom speaks at the opening ceremony of Women's World Boxing Championships. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

BOXING WORLDS

Y.B. Sarangi
NEW DELHI

The everlasting appeal of the iconic M.C. Mary Kom in the World women's boxing championships should inspire the Indian boxers, spearheaded by World and Olympic bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain and World and Commonwealth Games champion Nikhat Zareen, to seek the country's best-ever showing in the elite event starting at the K.D. Jadhav Hall here on Thursday.

Mary, the brand ambassador of the event, took oath on behalf of the athletes at a glittering opening ceremony even though she would not box this time. Her sixth World title at the same venue in 2018 will motivate the home boxers as India hosts the event for a third time, the most by any country.

Fine mix

Notwithstanding the controversy surrounding the selections, the Indian team – a fine mix of exuberance and experience – is well-prepared for the event ahead of the Asian Games, an Olympic qualifier.

All eyes will be on Lovlina and Nikhat, who will be keen to establish them in newer weights ahead of the Olympics.

Self-belief

Lovlina, a two-time Worlds and an Olympic bronze medallist in 69kg, has secured an Asian crown in 75kg and will be confident of moving forward. Nikhat, the reigning 52kg World champion, has claimed the Commonwealth Games crown in 50kg and should be full of self-belief.

Nikhat, who will meet Azerbaijan's Anakhanim Ismayilova first and may run into top-seeded Roumaysa Boualam next, is among the four Indians, including Sakshi Chaudhary (52kg), Preeti (54kg) and Nupur Sheoran (+81kg), to fight on the morrow.

Sanamacha Chanu out

Meanwhile, World youth gold medallist Sanamacha Chanu (70kg) has been replaced with Shruti Yadav due to a 'head injury'.

The World championships drew unwanted attention due to the boycott by several countries, including Ireland, the USA and Great Britain, which protested against the IBA's decision to allow Russian and Belarusian athletes to compete under their flags.

However, the presence of elite boxers including Nikhat and Lovlina, Algeria's Imane Khelif, France's Estelle Mossely, Argentina's Aldana Florencia Lopez, Brazil's Beatriz Ferreira and Caroline De Almeida, Colombia's Ingrit Valencia and Italy's Irma Testa will ensure high-class action.

Prize money worth ₹20 crore across 12 weight classes, its intention to conduct the Olympic qualifiers and an offer to financially support boxers from the boycotting countries were some steps taken by the IBA to ensure a good participation – 300-plus entries from 65 countries.

The Capital of women's boxing

With Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur in attendance, IBA president Umar Kremlev reiterated India's status as the capital of women's boxing. Kremlev also guaranteed "transparency and fairness" and underlined the presence of an International Olympic Committee (IOC) team and an independent McLaren team for onsite monitoring while pushing for the sport's old status in the Olympic programme.

Perry and Kanika shine as RCB tastes first success

WPL

P.K. Ajith Kumar
NAVI MUMBAI

Virat Kohli gave a pep talk to the beleaguered women of Royal Challengers Bangalore on Wednesday. That seemed to have worked.

RCB, after losing five matches in a row, finally won a game in the Women's Premier League. Its five-wicket victory against UP Warriorz came in a desperate situation: another loss would have meant the end of the road.

RCB reached the modest target with two overs to spare, but not without going through some anxious moments. It had lost its vastly experienced top four batters with 60 on the board. Among them was skipper Smriti Mandhana, whose horrendous time continued; she was out for a duck.

But, the uncapped youngster Kanika Anuja, who played probably the innings of her life (46, 30b, 8x4, 1x6) and wicketkeeper Richa Ghosh (31 n.o., 32b, 3x4, 1x6) did the job. They added 60 for the fifth wicket, and after Kanika was yorked by Sophie Ecclestone, Richa's six and four off successive balls ensured the win for RCB.

RCB would still need a lot of help from other teams to entertain hopes of making the playoffs. The race is open to determine which two sides will join Mumbai Indians in that stage.

Earlier, on a wicket that encouraged both the seamers and spinners, RCB bowled superbly. Ellyse Perry was the most successful bowler with three for 16 off her four overs.

Inspired decision

It all started with an inspired decision to give the first over to Sophie Devine that put the Warriorz innings under pressure right away. She sent back both the openers, Devika Vaidya and Alyssa Healy, in that over.

When Megan Schutt had fellow-Australian Tahila McGrath caught behind, Warriorz slid to five for three. Then Asha's leg spin came into play. She got the ball to turn and bounce. She removed Kiran Navgire, who was living dangerously, and Simran Shaikh in successive overs.

A sixth-wicket stand of 69 between Grace Harris (46, 32b, 5x4, 2x6) and Deepti Sharma 22 (19b, 4x4) ensured Warriorz would have something to bowl. Richa missed a chance to stump Harris early on, but she later made up for it with batting.

The turnaround: Kanika stepped up to the plate when RCB was in a spot of bother. EMMANUAL YOGINI

SCOREBOARD

UP WARRIORZ

Alyssa Healy c Asha b Devine 1 *(3b)*, Devika Vaidya lbw b Devine 0 *(1b)*, Kiran Navgire c Richa b Asha 22 *(26b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Tahlia McGrath c Richa b Schutt 2 *(2b)*, Grace Harris c Richa b Perry 46 *(32b, 5x4, 2x6)*, Simran Shaikh c Kanika b Asha 2 *(9b)*, Deepti Sharma c Shreyanka b Perry 22 *(19b, 4x4)*, Shweta Sehrawat b Perry 6 *(6b, 1x4)*, Sophie Eccelstone run out 12 *(9b, 2x4)*, Anjali Sarvani c Kanika b Shreyanka 8 *(9b, 1x4)*, Rajeshwari Gayakwad (not out) 2 *(1b)*; Extras (b-1, lb-6, w-5): 12; Total (in 19.3 overs): 135.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-1 (Devika, 0.2 overs), 2-2 (Healy, 0.6), 3-5 (McGrath, 1.6), 4-29 (Kiran, 6.2), 5-31 (Simran, 8.1), 6-100 (Deepti, 15.1), 7-101 (Harris, 15.3), 8-112 (Shweta, 17.2), 9-133 (Anjali, 19.2).

RCB BOWLING

Devine 4-0-23-2, Schutt 4-0-21-1, Renuka 2-0-20-0, Asha 4-0-27-2, Perry 4-0-16-3, Shreyanka 1.3-0-21-1.

ROYAL CHALLENGERS

Sophie Devine c McGrath b Harris 14 *(6b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Smriti Mandhana b Deepti 0 *(3b)*, Ellyse Perry c Ecclestone b Devika 10 *(13b, 1x4)*, Heather Knight c Kiran b Deepti 24 *(21b, 5x4)*, Kanika Ahuja b Ecclestone 46 *(30b, 8x4, 1x6)*, Richa Ghosh (not out) 31 *(32b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Shreyanka Patil (not out) 5 *(3b, 1x4)*; Extras (b-4, w-2): 6; Total (for five wkts. in 18 overs): 136.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-14 (Devine, 0.6), 2-14 (Smriti, 1.3), 3-43 (Perry, 6.1), 4-60 (Knight, 8.6), 5-120 (Kanika, 16.4).

UP WARRIORZ BOWLING

Harris 3-0-28-1, Deepti 4-0-26-2, Rajeshwari 4-0-35-0, Ecclestone 4-0-20-1, Anjali 1-0-4-0, Devika 2-0-19-1.

Toss: RCB; **PoM:** Kanika.

RCB won by five wkts. with 12 balls to spare.

Thursday's match: Delhi Capitals vs. Gujarat Giants, 7.30 p.m.

INBRIEF

Ibrahimovic back in Sweden squad for Euro qualifiers

Zlatan Ibrahimovic was named on Thursday in Sweden's squad for this month's Euro 2024 qualifiers, when he could break Italian goalkeeper Dino Zoff's age record. Ibrahimovic, 41, will beat Zoff's Euro qualifier milestone of 40 years and 90 days set in 1983 if he features in games against Belgium on March 24 or Azerbaijan on March 27.

Prajwal Dev advances in Iran ITF tournament

S.D. Prajwal Dev beat Ivan Kazakov 6-1, 6-2 in the first round of the $15,000 ITF men's tennis tournament in Kish Island, Iran, on Wednesday.

Other results: $15,000 ITF men, Kish Island, Iran: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Ishaque Eqbal & Darrshan Suresh (Mas) bt Moein Moazam & Sina Moghimi (Iri) 6-4, 6-4. **$60,000 ITF women, Pretoria, South Africa: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals):** Mai Hontama (Jpn) & Alice Tubello (Fra) bt Smriti Bhasin & Ashmitha Easwaramurthi 6-1, 6-0. **$15,000 ITF women, Monastir, Tunisia: Singles (first round):** Wang Jiaqi (Chn) bt Jennifer Luikham 3-6, 6-2, 6-0. **Doubles (pre-quarterfinals):** Nicole Gadient (Sui) & Anja Wildgruber (Ger) bt Jennifer Luikham & Wang Jiaqi (Chn) 7-6(6), 6-2. **$15,000 ITF women, Jakarta:** Singles (first round): Park Sohyun (Kor) bt Kundali Majgaine 6-2, 6-0.

32-team FIFA Club World Cup every four years from 2025

FIFA, the governing body for football, has approved a 32-team Club World Cup that will be played every four years from June 2025, confirming the announcement made by president Gianni Infantino in Qatar last year. The Confederation champions from 2021-2024 will be eligible to play in the new Club World Cup, which means Chelsea and Real Madrid have already qualified. Should either club win the Champions League again, a club ranking calculation based on sporting criteria will be used to determine which other team will qualify. The current version will be discontinued after 2023.

LIVE TELECAST

South Africa vs West Indies: 1st ODI, SS Select 1 (SD & HD), Hotstar & FanCode, 4.30 p.m.

WPL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m.

BWF All-England Open: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 11.15 p.m.

Europa League: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3 & 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 11.15 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Friday)

New Zealand vs Sri Lanka: 2nd Test, day 1, Prime Video, 3.30 a.m. (Friday)

Rahul should feel more at home in the ODI format

Considering that he has handled keeping duties in the last two series he featured, it appears that the team has identified him as the numero uno choice for the pivotal role till the World Cup

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Greener pastures: Despite losing his place in the Test side, Rahul remains a vital cog in India's ODI set-up. FILE PHOTO: K.R. DEEPAK

The team gear will change. So will the format. His role, too, will be different. Still, K.L. Rahul will continue to be under the scanner for India's three-match ODI series versus Australia, starting at the Wankhede Stadium on Friday.

From leading the team in Rohit Sharma's absence in India's last ODI in 2022 to being relieved of vice-captaincy duties across all formats and even losing his place in the Test side, Rahul has had a topsy-turvy first quarter of 2023.

Vital cog

Despite being dropped as Test opener midway through the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series, Rahul remains a vital cog for India when it comes to the ODI set-up; especially in a World Cup year, with Rishabh Pant all but ruled out of the marquee event on home soil.

In fact, ever since he started keeping wickets and batting in the middle-order, Rahul has flourished as an ODI cricketer. His average of 55.25 with the willow in 15 ODIs he has kept so far is better than his career average of 44.52 in 51 ODIs. Considering that he has handled wicketkeeping duties in the last two ODI series he featured – in Bangladesh and agaist Sri Lanka at home – it appears that the team management has identified him as the numero uno choice for the pivotal role till the World Cup.

Dilip, the fielding coach, reaffirmed the management's belief in Rahul's abilities. "We all know that K.L. Rahul is a wonderful player. He has a proven record in the ODIs in the middle order. He brings a lot of balance to the team," Dilip said.

"He is not someone who has picked up the gloves just now, he has been doing it from a younger age. So it's not much difficult to work on his wicketkeeping skills apart from refining a few aspects."

While he keeps wickets in ODIs, Rahul plays as a specialist batter in the other two formats. Similarly, Ishan Kishan has been juggling between fielding in the outfield and wicketkeeping across different formats.

Dilip, in his first media interaction, explained the adjustments he has to make to plan the players' fielding skill-set regimen.

"In the last World Cup, we had three wicketkeepers who played. It's been a trend. If you look at the wicketkeepers, they are coming up in line, they are fantastic batters too. It adds up to the balance," he said.

Nidhi claims women's 400m hurdles gold

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Nidhi Singh of Mumbai bagged the women's 400mH gold in 59.77s in the all-India inter-university athletics on Wednesday.

The results (winners only): Men: 400mH: A. Rohit (Calicut) 51.91s; **5000m:** Shadab Pathan (Rashtrasan) 13:58.18s; **javelin:** Vikrant Malik (Kalinga Inst.) 77.25m; **long jump:** Rishabh Rishiswa (Rammanohar Lohia) 7.72m; **decathlon:** Yamandeep Sharma (Madras) 3482 points.

Women: 400mH: Nidhi Singh (Mumbai) 59.77s; **long jump:** Sandra Babu (Calicut) 5.98m; **pole vault:** T. Sathya (Jain) 3.70m; **javelin:** Jyoti Rani (Chaudhary Devi Lal) 49.86m.

Tuesday results: Men: 100m: Gurav Pranav (Savitribai Phule) 10.71s; **110mH:** Nishanth Raj (Madras) 14.22s; **400m:** R. Arul (Madras) 46.58s; **1500m:** Yoonus Shaj (Mahatma Gandhi) 3:45.91s; **10,000m:** Rohit Kumar (Guru Nanak) 29:04.25s; **high jump:** Swadhin Kumar Majhi (Sambalpur) 2.13m; **20km walk:** Bilin George Anto (Mahatma Gandhi) 1:28.31s; **hammer throw:** Uchale Shantanu (Savitribai Phule) 65.26m.

Women: 100m: Shivankar Sudeshna (Shivaji) 11.77s; **100mH:** Pragyan Prasant (Kalinga Inst.) 13.58s; **400m:** Himanshi Malik (Maharishi Dayanand) 52.99s; **1500m:** Harmilan Bains (Punjabi) 4:14.45s; **20km walk:** Mansi Negi (Lovely Professional) 1:41.49s.

Amelia Kerr is finding the WPL experience awesome

Mutual admiration: Amelia Kerr is relishing playing along side Harmanpreet. EMMANUAL YOGINI

P.K. Ajith Kumar
MUMBAI

Castle Avenue in Dublin may not be among the world's best-known cricket grounds. But, on June 13, 2018, it witnessed one of the game's greatest all-round performances.

After cracking an unbeaten 232 off 145 balls for New Zealand against Ireland, Amelia Kerr took five for 17 with her leg-spin in the third ODI. She was only 17 then.

She thus became the youngest batter, male or female, to score a double hundred in international cricket.

Less than a year after her incredible feat, Kerr came to India to play in the Women's T20 Challenge, the precursor to the Women's Premier League, at Jaipur.

She put in a fine all-round performance before a huge crowd in the final for Velocity, which, however, lost to Supernovas off the last ball, thanks largely to a brilliant fifty from captain Harmanpreet Kaur.

Harmanpreet's wicket was, in fact, taken by Kerr. Now, at the WPL, she is her captain.

"It's nice to have the opportunity to play alongside her," Kerrr said, a few hours after watching from the non-striking end Harmanpreet score a magnificent 30-ball 51 for Mumbai Indians against Gujarat Giants.

Amazing

"She is amazing. She has destroyed a lot of teams with her batting, and she has gone out there and done the same in the tournament."

Kerr is also impressed with Harman's captaincy.

"She is a great leader. When she walks into the changing room all the young idolise her and look up to her. She has a very calm way and builds confidence in your game."

Kerr has played her part in helping MI make the playoffs , having picked up eight wickets besides making a contribution both times she got to bat.

She is enjoying the experience of playing in front of the adoring MI fans.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Shahaan sizzles with a ton and all 10 wickets

Shahaan Shadab put up an extraordinary performance in Shri Ram Global School's big win over Freedom International School in the BTR Shield under-14 Group I, III Division tournament here.

Shadab scored a century to power his team to 399 for three, and took all 10 wickets to complete a memorable outing. This included two hat-tricks in his four over spell.

Shadab made a sparkling 115 off 88 balls, studded with 23 fours. His medium pace later scalped up all the Freedom International School wickets on offer. Shadab finished with incredible bowling figures of 4-0-8-10.

The all-rounder powered Shri Ram Global School to a massive 385-run win.

The scores: Shri Ram Global School 399/3 in 50 overs (Shaahan Shadab 115, Monish Gowda 87, Adil Ranjith 78 n.o.) bt Freedom IS 14 in 7 overs (Shaahan Shadab 10/8).

Euro School (Whitefield) 146 in 33.1 overs (D. Vihaan 56, Ankit Bhat 4/32) bt Whitefield Global School 102 in 21.1 overs (Lakshaya 26, Aryaman 28, Yashowardhan 4/24, M. Shreyas 4/6).

VSS International PS 237/9 in 50 overs (M. Akash 70, M. Chirag 32) bt Vyasa IS 79 in 15 overs (Pragalbha 41, M. Chirag 5/33, K.U. Shreyas 4/10).

Siddaganga Higher Primary School 175 in 27.4 overs (M. Dhakshith 59, Dharsh 3/45) lost to Sudarshan Vidya Mandir 178/7 in 31.3 overs (Dharsh 49, Dhanush 27 n.o., Harshal 29).

Chrysalis High 79 in 24 overs (Bhavesh 27, R. Erwyn 3/26, Dhruv Anand 3/14) lost to Delhi PS (Whitefield) 81/1 in 10.4 overs (Anjani Kumar 30 n.o.).

The Sports School 301/7 in 50 overs (Athreya Bhat 43, Tanshh Krishna 64, Jami Tanay 38, Mahil Mehta 62 n.o., Dinesh Ravishankar 3/36) bt Gopalan IS 292/8 in 50 overs (Bhaasvan 115, D.R. Dinesh 36, Idhaant 27, Jatin Sai 33).

Global Indian IS 263 in 48.2 overs (Tanish Shringi 34, Abhinav Kulkarni 32, Yadhu Narayanan 84, Arnav Natu 30, Sharvil Naik 3/53) lost to Vydehi School of Excellence 264/5 in 46.5 overs (Chirag Paidikondala 33, Tarun Balamurugan 72, Rithwik Kumar 76, Abhinav Kulkarni 3/35).

SFS Academy 128 in 31.1 overs (Mithil Gowda 6/21) lost to Federal PS 129/6 in 32.4 overs (Dharasith 58 n.o.).

Devamatha Central School 270/7 in 50 overs (Jay Adithya 137 n.o., Agarsh 25 n.o., S. Samarth 3/31) bt KLE Society's School 42 in 17.1 overs (Adarsh 3/8).

Sri Sri Ravishankar Vidya Mandir 255 in 46.2 overs (James 64, Vishwajeeth 58, Aachaman 40, Vivaan 6/46) bt PNC Cognito School 60 in 23.1 overs (Sridhar 5/1).

Fantastic feat: It was a day to remember for Shahaan Shadab as he scored a century and then scalped all 10 wickets in the innings for Shri Ram Global School. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Shreyank excels for Whirlwind Cricketers

Shreyank Sagar (50 and 64) helped Whirlwind Cricketers defeat Bharath CC in the KSCA Group I, IV Division league here.

The scores: Semifinals: Whirlwind Cricketers 183 in 50.2 overs (C.R. Kumarswamy 32, Shreyank Sagar 50, Kushal Katara 27, Gaurov Shanbhag 4/31) and 185 in 30 overs (C.R. Kumarswamy 53, Shreyank Sagar 64, Ashwin Kumar 4/75, Preetham 3/45) bt Bharath CC 237 in 55 overs (C.S. Yathiraj 47, Sumedh Rao 41, Gaurov Shanbhag 26, K. Hemadri 28, S. Arvind 4/51) and 121 in 29.2 overs (Gaurov Shanbhag 51, Sayan Arjun 4/53).

Salman Khan

Minerva CC 223/8 in 55 overs (Rajath Sathish 41, Varun Annadani 28, Sachin Pande 44 n.o.) and 156/8 in 30 overs (Varun Annadani 47, Ismail Hussain 34 n.o., Pavan Kumar 3/37) bt Young Lions Club 183 in 47.2 overs (Mohammed Nauman 25, P. Pramodh 74, Ismail Hussain 4/35, K.P. Mukund 4/37) and 165/8 in 30 overs (Deepak Shanker 39, P. Pramodh 27, Mohammed Nauman 31, K.P. Bhargav 5/50).

Bengal Shield on top

Bengal Shield from West Bengal topped the table at the end first block of four games in Round 1 of the Choice 4th Karnataka Open Trios tenpin bowling tournament at Amoeba here on Wednesday.

Bengal Shield comprising of Navneet Lahoti (779 pins, average 194.75), Amitav Ghosh (761 pins, average 190.25) and Nikhil Poddar (766 pins, average 191.5) finished the day with a total pinfall of 2306.

Bowling Bohemians Bengaluru are in second position with a total pinfall of 2241. Salman Khan of Bowling Bohemians finished with a total pinfall of 805, with an average of 201.25.

Anil stuns Mariyappan, makes last eight

Unseeded D.A. Anil of Karnataka upset third seed D. Mariyappan of Tamil Nadu 9-8 to enter the men's singles quarterfinals of the ₹3.5 lakh AITA Tabebuia Open Wheelchair tennis tournament at the Padukone Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence here on Wednesday.

In another round-of-16 clash, top seed K. Karthik of Tamil Nadu ousted M. Anjanappa 9-2.

HAL FC hammers Tilak Memorial

HAL FC whipped Tilak Memorial 7-0 in the BDFA 'A' division football league here on Wednesday.

The results: BTM FC 1 (Suyash Thomas 79) drew Bangalore Gunners FC 1 (N. Sanjeevi 16); HAL FC 7 (Devadath 10, 42, 61, Andrew Gurung 33, Desmon Gama 36, 38, 45) bt Tilak Memorial FC 0.

Special visitor

Pep talk: Virat Kohli interacted with members of the RCB team ahead of the WPL match against UP Warriorz on Wednesday. INSTAGRAM/ROYALCHALLENGERSBANGALORE

Gritty Medvedev overcomes a swollen ankle and Zverev

INDIAN WELLS

Associated Press
INDIAN WELLS

Daniil Medvedev overcame a swollen right ankle and outlasted 12th-seeded Alexander Zverev, 6-7(5), 7-6(5), 7-5. to make the quarterfinals of the BNP Paribas Open on Tuesday.

"When I rolled my ankle, I rolled it pretty hard," said Medvedev. "At the moment I rolled it I was like 'OK, I'm going to stand up and it's going to be fine,' but then I continued to stay on the ground because the pain was only growing. It was definitely a crazy match."

Carlos Alcaraz advanced when Jack Draper retired with the Spaniard leading 6-2, 2-0.

Top-ranked Iga Swiatek moved on with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Emma Raducanu in women's draw.

The results: Fourth round: Men: Alcaraz bt Draper 6-2, 2-0 retired; Fritz bt Fucsovics 6-4, 6-3; Medvedev bt Zverev 6-7(5), 7-6(5), 7-5; Davidovich Fokina bt Garín 6-3, 6-4; Norrie bt Rublev 6-2, 6-4; Tiafoe bt Tabilo 6-4, 6-4.

Women: Cirstea bt Garcia 6-4, 4-6, 7-5; Muchová bt Vondrousová 6-4, 6-7(2), 6-4; Rybakina bt Gracheva 6-3, 6-0; Sakkari bt Plíšková 6-4, 5-7, 6-3; Kvitova bt Pegula 6-2, 3-6, 7-6(11); Gauff bt Peterson 6-3, 1-6, 6-4; Sabalenka bt Krejcíková 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.